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creating *memories*

Right: One of the most difficult aspects of yearbook is theme development, and, specifically, creating a cover that clearly lays out the theme and has elements that can be carried through the book. The 2013-2014 yearbook staff decided on "Against the Flow" as the theme for the book early in the semester, but it took some work to come up with the perfect cover. At the yearbook conference in Columbus, Walsworth rep Keith McCoy helped the staff come up with Options 1 and 2. When he visited the class later in the semester, he sketched out Options 3 and 4. Though none of these designs were ultimately used for the cover, Layout Manager **Bam Intuputi (12)** did use the basic concept of Option 4 in her final cover design.

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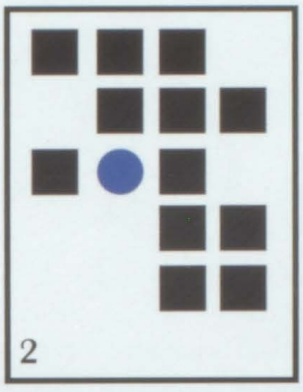
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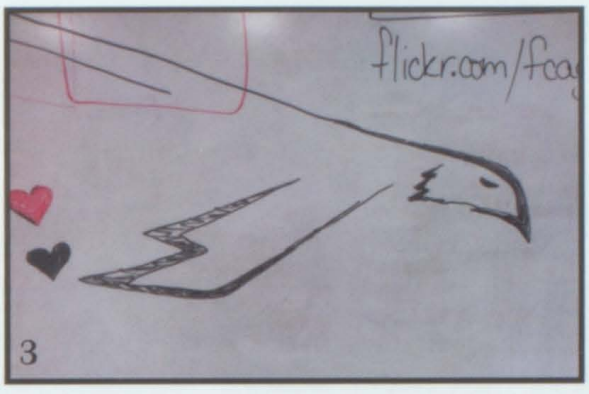

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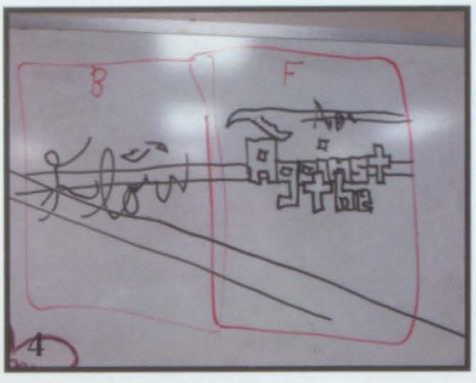

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Below right: *New students.* From left. Kyle Kim (8), Louis Huynh (8), John Tran (11), Grace Wu (9), William Le (11). Not pictured: Bay Intuputi (10).

Below: *National Honor Society Members.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Emily Simmons (11), Nhung Phan (12), MyMy Luu (12), Hope Baldwin (11). Row 2: Adrian Epp (11), Matt Swanson (11), Josh Frederick (11), Amber Mazankowski (11), Zoe Flynn (12), Hannah Myers (12), Elizabeth Smith (11), Sophia Songthangtham (12), Scott Smith (12). Row 3: Nathan Griess (11), Carson Huenefeld (11), Danny Stevens (12), Jack Hu (12), Kevin Cheng (12), Tim Fread (12). Not pictured: Adviser Jay Garrison.

toward Christ

Top: Flying over a hurdle, **Myles Wheeler (11)** sprints toward the finish line. Wheeler continued to improve his skill throughout the track season.

Above: Student Council Vice President **Hans Epp (12)** chats with **Dillon Rose (10)** while Rose gives blood. The Student Council members took shifts throughout the day to keep the Blood Drive adequately staffed.

Those that have known me for some time know my love for food. Last summer I had a crazy fever for mushrooms. I mean, I wanted mushrooms as part of my every meal-- morning, noon, and evening. I didn't care what form it came in; I just wanted mushrooms! My family thought I was being ridiculous and silly. They didn't understand how great mushrooms made me feel. They also didn't want any part of my craziness for mushrooms. But by being very consistent with my appetite and somewhat convincing, they gradually started to understand me. We started having mushrooms with everything we ate--fried, steamed, stir-fried, and however else we could cook them. My genuine love for mushrooms was contagious. I lived out what I believed and never went back on my word. I was so faithful with my love for mushrooms that others started wanting what I had, too!

My story might sound rather silly, but the point of it all is that we should live out our love for Christ. By doing so we might be leading others to Christ. We don't know how fast or how slow they will change, but our job is to show them love--the same way Christ showed us love. Being against the flow may be tough, but we are never alone. Christ is always with us. We also have the ability to fellowship with other believers as well!

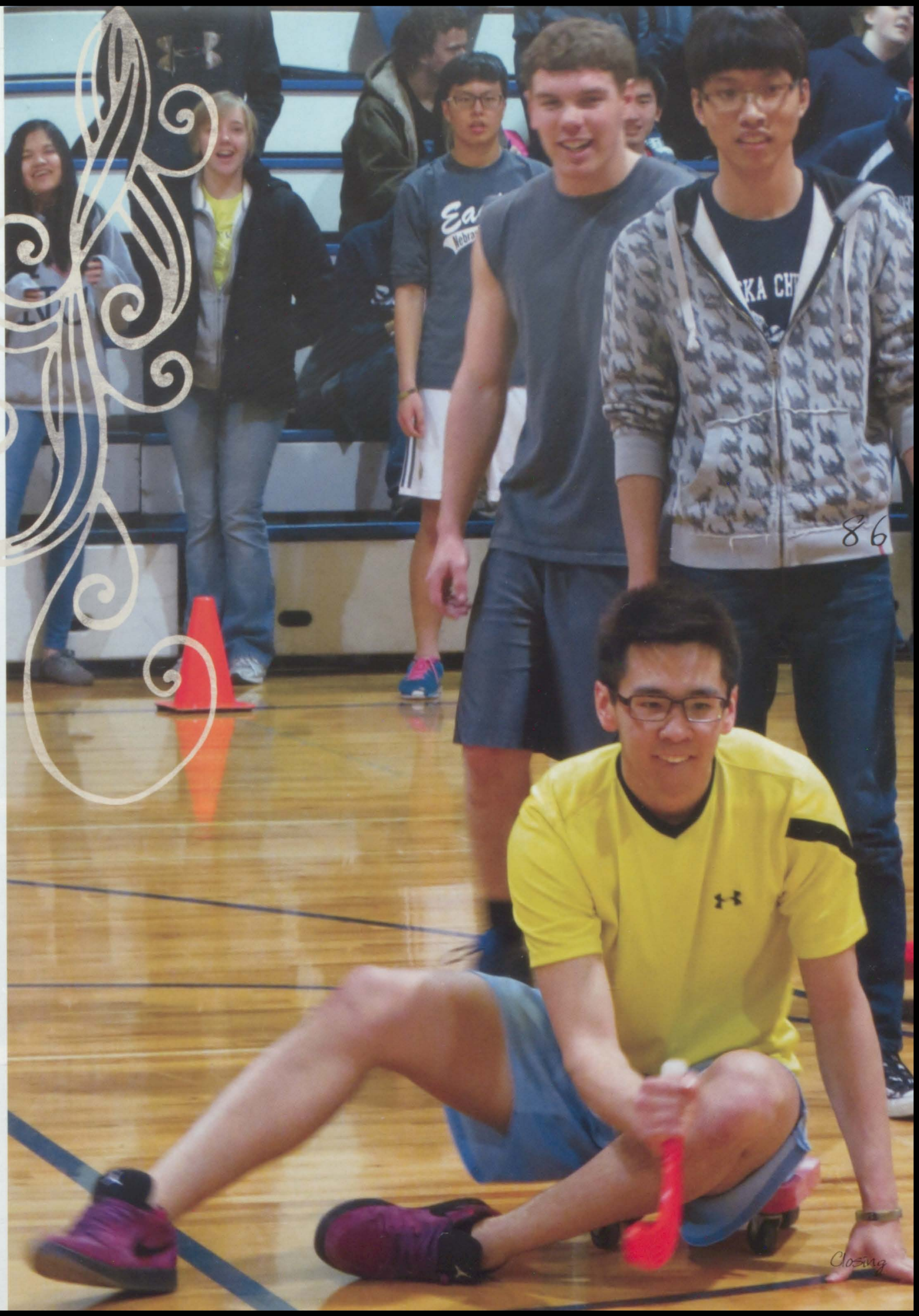
NC has always emphasized Christ-likeness. Through academics, athletics, and activities here students have many opportunities to show love. But loving others is not always as easy. It probably is one of the hardest things in my opinion because we don't always want to, and sometimes we think others don't always deserve it. But even Jesus died for us on the cross before we even knew Him. We surely didn't deserve His love; He willingly gave His life for us sinners. Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Knowing this truth, we press on toward our goal of being against the flow for Christ.

-Sophia Songthangtham (12)

Right: **Johnny Tseng (12)** concentrates on making his tie-breaking shot in the hockey game during the Student Council Olympics. The seniors lost the tie breaker, while their opponents went on to the championship game.

Right: **Amy Hilderbrand (6)** blows paint bubbles in art class. Art teacher **Daurice Hower** had intended to do the paint project outside, but bad weather kept the students in the art room.

Far right: **Carson Falk (10)** reacts to the picture **Danny Stevens (12)** is willing to him. Senior wills were always a highlight of Senior Time.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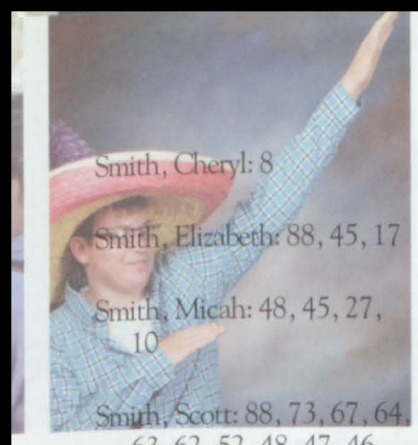

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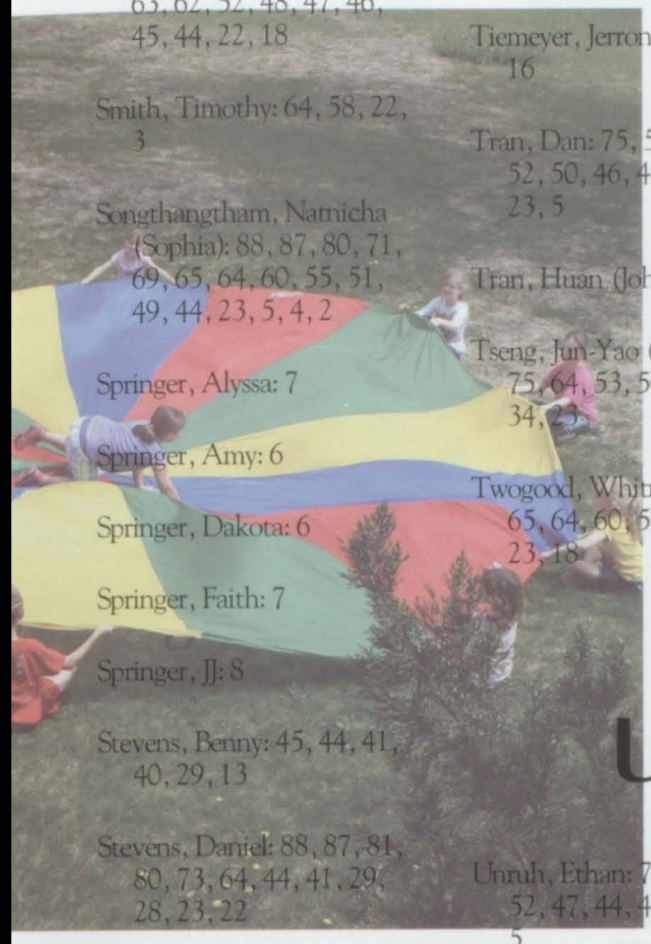

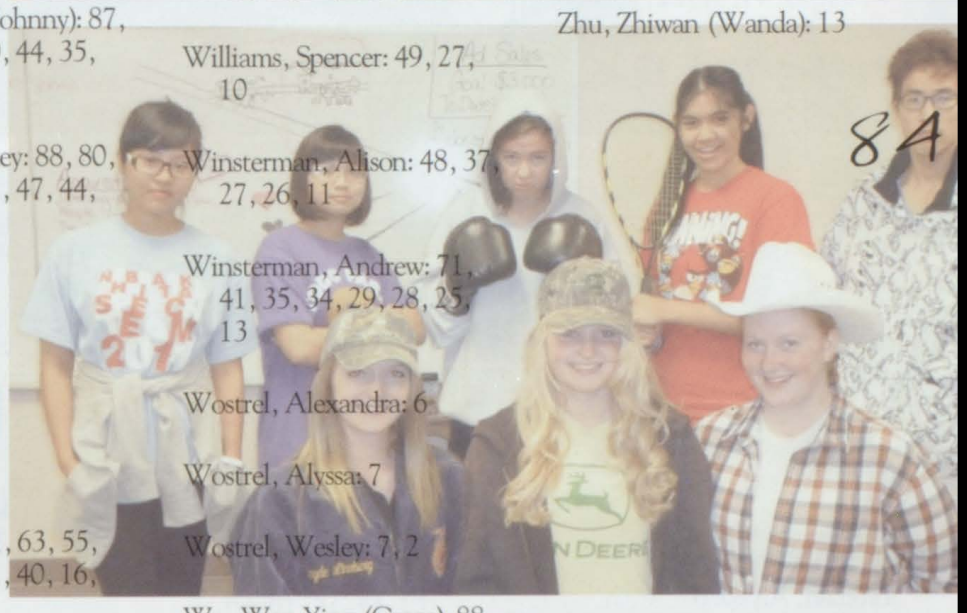

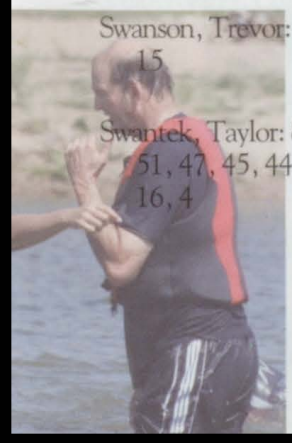

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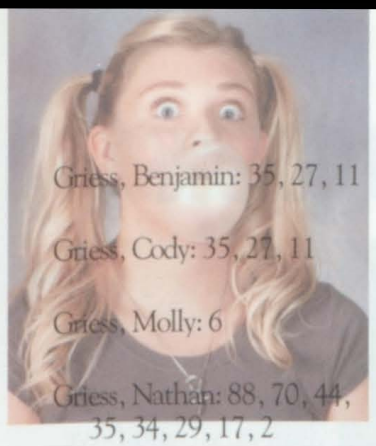

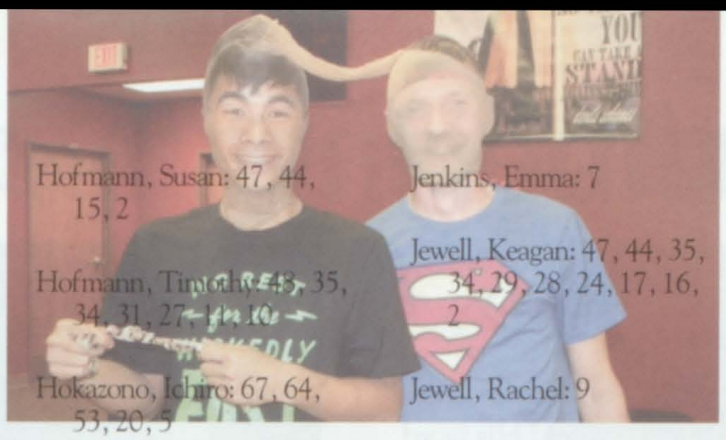

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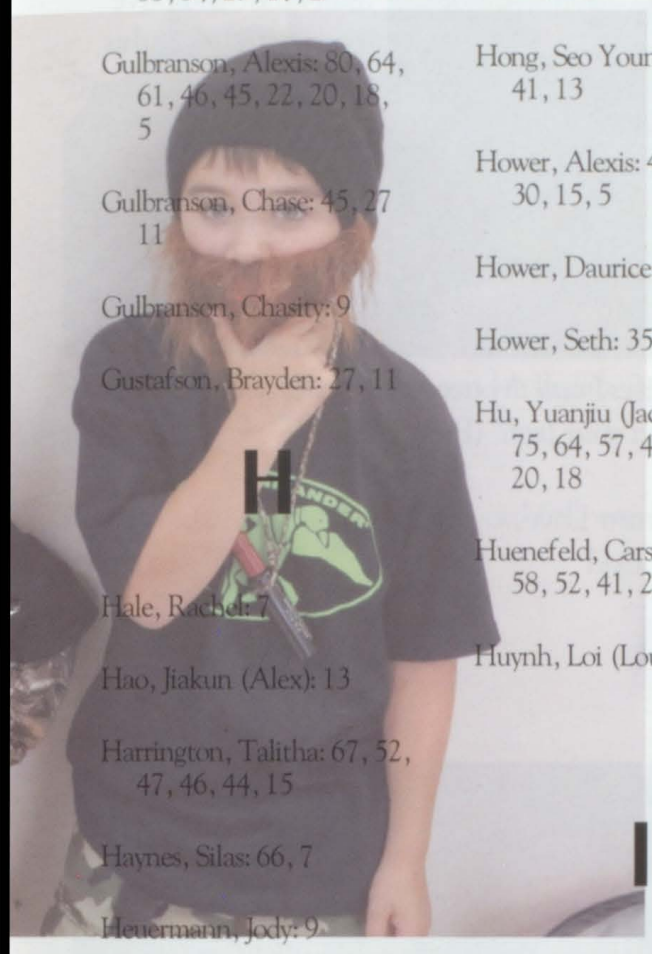

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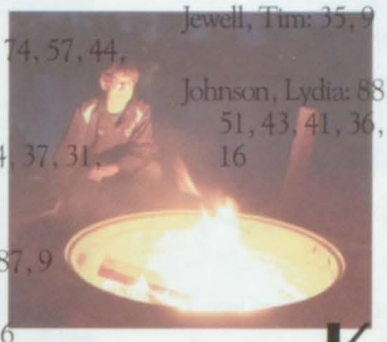

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remembering *the* past

Beran,

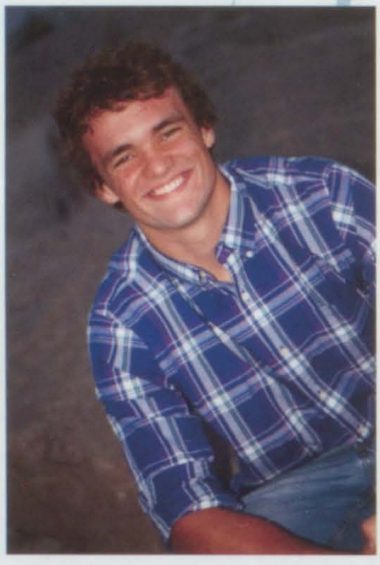
Your love for the Lord and His word are a special blessing. Our hope and prayer is that you will always use the opportunities God puts in front of you to give Him glory.

All our love,
Dad, Mom and Emmie

Brandon,

In these few short years that you have been with us on this Earth, you have grown into an honest, independent and strong young man. We are so thanful for the gift that God gave us in you. Seek God's will in your life: *In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your path.* (Prov. 3:6)

With all our Love,
Mom & Dad



Daniel,

"A dragon lives forever..."

You are a special joy to us as we watch you grow from infancy to manhood, physically and spiritually.

We love you!
Papa, Mama
Elizabeth & Matthew
Abigail, Benjamin & Thomas

I Corinthians 16:13 "*Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.*"

Rachel,

When we heard "IT'S A GIRL!" on that March day we had no idea how great it would be to be your parents! You have been nothing but a joy to raise. Dad and I pray that your whole life will revolve around your love for Jesus and his faithfulness.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Charis

embracing the future

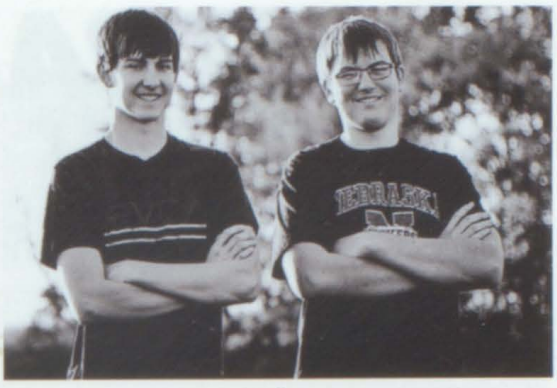
Tim,

As we read God's Word, we see a God of details: creation, the tabernacle, the ark, salvation. There are no little deals with God.

As you move ahead on the path before you, *Ask, and it shall be given you: Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.* Luke 11:9

Faithful men have gone before you--follow in their footsteps.

Together in Christ,
Dad and Mom



Tim & Brandon,

Your story began over 18 years ago. God has indeed directed your path. (Prov. 3:6)

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. Prov. 27:17

As you go into the world, saturate yourself with God's word, reckon what is true, and expect God's goodness.

Zoe,

A daughter is the happy memories of the past, the joyful moments of the present, and the hope and promise of the future. You have always been so full of life, loving, caring and truly amazing. We are proud of the young lady you have become and are looking forward to seeing what you will do in days to come. There is a great big world out there full of dreams, opportunities and challenges, but always remain grounded in your faith and allow the good Lord to guide and keep you.

All our love,
Dad, Mom & Tom

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in faith.
- 3 John 4

Above: Twelve NC seniors were named to the Goldenrod Conference Academic Team for receiving a 26 or higher on their ACT (or the SAT equivalent score). Row 1: Whitney Twogood, Hannah Myers, April Faeh, Zoe Flynn, Talia Murphy, Alexis Gulbranson. Row 2: Jade Mieth, Sophia Songthangtham, Jack Hu, Danny Stevens, Beran Fisher, Tim Fread.

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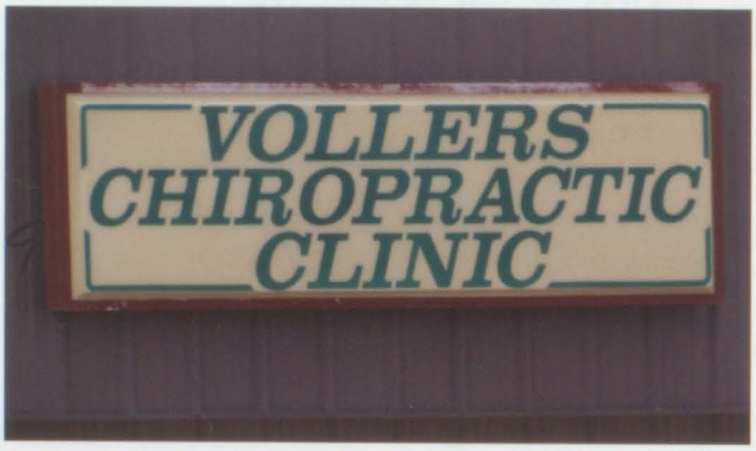

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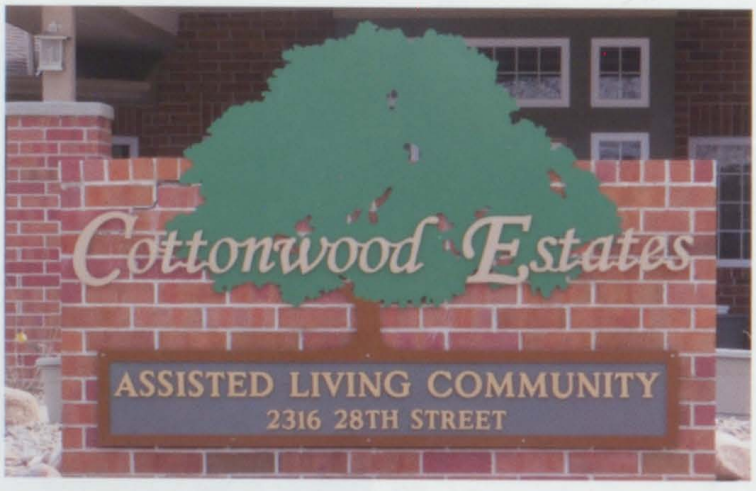

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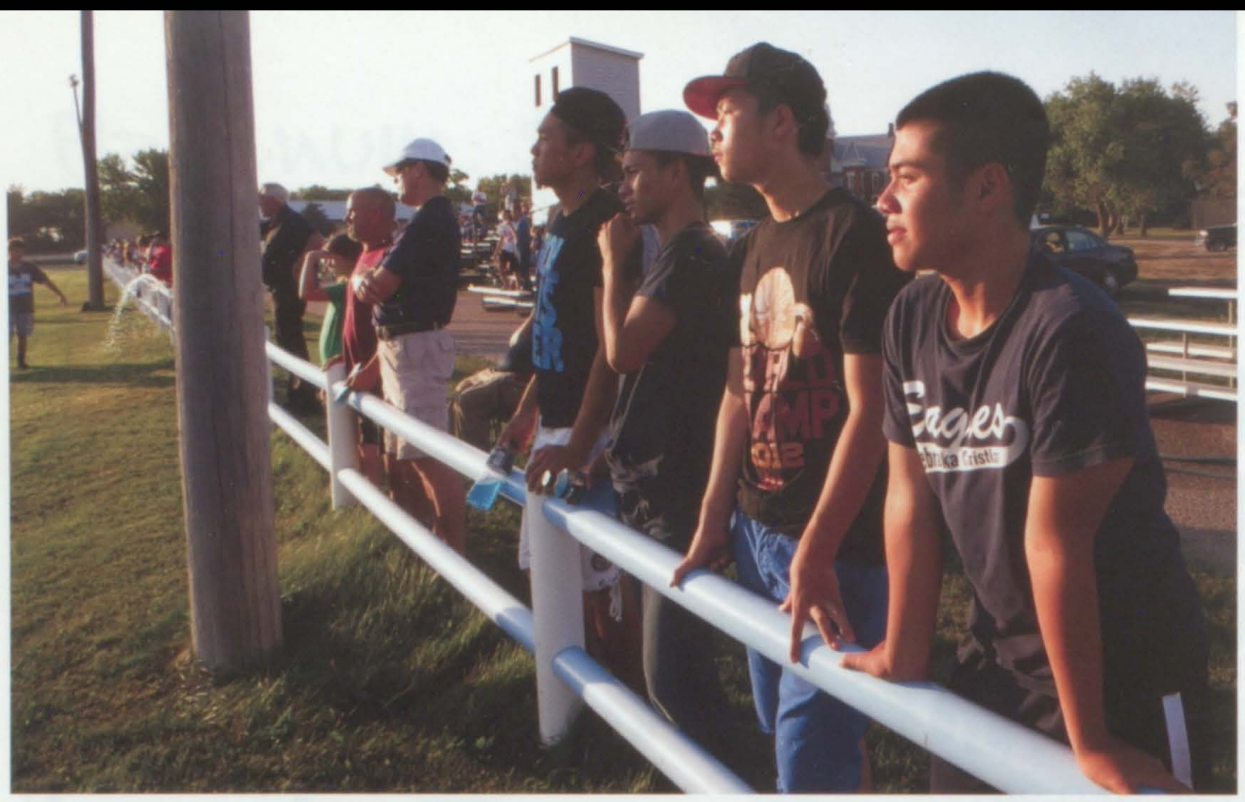
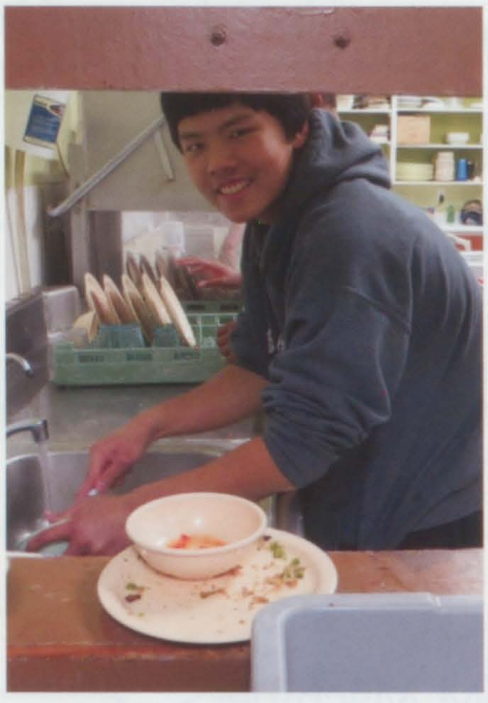


Left: **Johnny Tseng (12)**, **Jonas Chiang (11)**, **Quang Luong (11)** and **Yu Chen (10)** support the team at a home football game. Most dorm students enjoyed attending home sporting events.



Above: **Kamin Khobjai (8)** washes dishes after supper one evening. All dorm students took turns helping in the kitchen on evenings and weekends.

Above: The dorm boys playing with dorm parents and friends together at the go cart track in Branson, Missouri. Almost all of the boys rode the go carts more than 10 times.

doing new things

It was awesome on the boat, especially flying into the water.
-Jack Hu (11)

I love it when Bam and I watch my roommate sleep at night.
-Dan Tran (12)

Being in the dorm gave me the opportunity to use the gym facility and gave me a place to stay during the week.
-Hudson Downing (9)

Dorms have been an important part of Nebraska Christian since its inception. Then, most students went home for the weekend. Now, however, dorm life continues from the first day of school to the last, as most of the dorm students live much too far away to go home on weekends or even most holidays. Because of this, Girls' Dorm Mom **Barb Hoff** planned many activities and trips to keep the dorm students buys throughout the year.

During Thanksgiving break, the international students took two separate trips. The boys went to Branson, Missouri. On the trip they rode mini-carts, had dinner on *The Belle of Branson*, shopped at an outlet mall, and played laser tag.

Later in the year, the boys, including several American boys, went to Oklahoma City to watch a Thunder NBA game. **Chase Kvols (12)** said, *"It was a great experience. I had a lot of fun with the dorm guys getting to know them better this year. I feel like we became close because of this trip. We all are more like brothers now than at the beginning of the year."*

The dorm girls also had an opportunity to travel, visiting Omaha, Branson, and Minneapolis.

Although the boys and the girls didn't have a trip together, they went to Omaha once to watch the Broadway show *Sister Act*. That show was fun and easy to understand for new kids who are not proficient at English. **Alicia Kim (8)** said, *"Their voices and songs in the play were extremely great, and I loved the people acting. This trip was more fun than the others since we went all together."* Through all their trips, the students bonded as dorm brothers and sisters.

-Eric Kim (12)

Above: Trying to excite the crowd and raise the bidding, dorm girls **Han Sol Park (9)**, **Seo Youn Hong (9)**, **Khing Khobjai (11)**, **Angel Zhang (9)**, and **Yanru Li (11)** advertise their live auction item, an Asian dinner for eight. This item is always one of the most popular at the annual Dinner & Benefit Auction.

Left: Seniors **Scott Smith** and **Danny Stevens** enter the gym for their graduation ceremony. Many people came from near and far to support the seniors on their big day.

Above: **Bam Intuputi (12)** receives her class flower from Junior Escort **Emily Simmons**. The senior girls carried flowers when they entered the gym, and all seniors received flowers to give to their parents following the ceremony.

Above: Senior **Cailyn Ostrand** joyously receives her diploma from her father, **Mr. Carl Ostrand**. Traditionally, board members who have children graduating are able to present their diplomas. This year, teachers who had children graduating were afforded the same privilege.

moving ahead

When they called our names for our diplomas it was pretty exciting. We finally did it!

-**Chase Kvols (12)**

My favorite part of graduation was the poppers. It was a great way to end graduation and really showed the personality of our class.

-**April Faeh (12)**

God always has purpose in His direct
My being part of th
class shows how God
orchestrates our liv

-**Hans Epp (**

This year's senior class made a pretty significant impact on Nebraska Christian. With their servant hearts and both academic and athletic skills, they led the student body well. Seniors **Cailyn Ostrand** and **Hans Epp** received the Shield Award for their leadership skills on and off the court or field.

The senior class was a close class and not only worked as a body to change lives, but also have their lives changed. Senior **Dana Poppe** said, *"My senior year went by so fast, and it was amazing because my class and others made it a fun experience."*

The day of graduation came fast for many of the seniors, but it was a great day. The sun was shining bright, and many people came to support the seniors as a new chapter of their lives was about to begin. Senior **Zoe Flynn** said, *"Graduation wasn't what I expected. It really wrapped up the year."* Class speakers **Hans Epp (12)**, **Zoe Flynn (12)** and **Sophia Songthangtham (12)** reflected on their time at Nebraska Christian and stressed the importance of following Christ as the seniors leave the "safety" of their parents and school.

Commencement speaker Pastor Paul Nauman spoke to the seniors about this transition in their lives. He walked through 2 Timothy 1 with them and challenged them to boldly represent Christ. *"What will you do with the gospel?"* he asked.

Graduation marked an end of an era for the seniors and the beginning of their adult lives.

-Brittany Ritta (11) and **Hope Baldwin (11)**

Above: The Class of 2014 celebrates their accomplishments and graduation at the end of the ceremony. They celebrated with confetti poppers at the end, surprising everyone.

Left: **Taylor Van Pelt (11)**, **Chase Kvols (12)**, **MyMy Luu (12)**, and **Albert Yang (10)** help set tables for the annual Benefit Auction. The Auction would not exist without the students who volunteer as servers.

Above: **Ethan Unruh (11)**, **Mr. Gib Killion**, and **William Le (11)** remove trees that were torn down during a tornado. Three days after school dismissed for the summer, 28 students, staff members, and parents traveled to Beaver Crossing to help clean up after the tornadoes that ripped through the area on Mother's Day.

Above: **Reagan Williams (9)**, **Taylor Swantek (11)**, **Sydney Fuehrer (7)**, and **Sophia Songthangtham (12)** help lead worship for the worship chapel at Heartland E Free. The worship team, organized by **Zoe Flynn (12)**, led worship for chapel and other special events.

against the flesh

When I serve others, I see it as an opportunity to get to know the person I'm serving better. Even if it's doing something small, seeing them happy makes me happy.

-April Faeh (12)

I serve others by holding the door for people and helping my classmates with their homework (especially math) because I think it is a gentleman's job.

-Andrew Winsterman (9)

I serve others because I love Jesus and because He did so much for me.

-Zoe Flynn (12

Nebraska Christian is a school that has lots of opportunities outside of academics. One of those opportunities is service in many forms. Whether it's helping fellow students with homework or something small like holding the door for someone on campus, students find many ways to help each other out. A big way Nebraska Christian students serve as a student body is at the annual Harvest Festival. Every November, NC's supporters are invited to attend the Harvest Festival, where they look back on the year before to thank God for all the ways He has blessed the school. During this gathering, some of the students have the opportunity to serve their families and the other guests coffee and water, and when they are done with their meal, the students pick up their plates. To top off the night, **Mr. Mike Flynn** directs the Band, Choir, and elementary students in songs that the students worked on in class.

Many other service opportunities exist on campus, as well. For example, helping other students with homework is a great opportunity to get to know fellow students, and it also helps out the teachers. **Nathan Griess (11)** said, *"I like helping others because it makes me feel good to think that I did something to help someone else out."* Through the day there are many opportunities to lend a helping hand or encouraging word to someone in need. **Rachel Epp (9)** said, *"It's good to serve others because in life they are our teammates, and when you help each other out you can accomplish great things and build each other up without dragging the others around you down."*

Many students find ways to serve out side of school too. **Hannah Myers (12)** said, *"I serve others in my church by teaching Sunday school for elementary-aged students. I also live in the dorm part time. It is so fun to get to know the international students and serve them while they are here in America."* Service opportunities abound at NC--students just need to keep their eyes open to see where they can help.

-Taylor Swantek (11)

Above: **Zac Dockweiler (10)**, **Tyler Cumpston (4)**, **Brad Hilderbrand (7)**, and **Trevor Cumpston (8)** help to put mulch in the flower beds by the high school building during one of the campus workdays last summer. Many students, parents, and other supporters joined together at the campus workdays to prepare the grounds for the fall semester.

Left: Junior parent Doug Swanson serves up sausages for breakfast to the hungry juniors and seniors, including **Hannah Ritta (11)**, **Tien Vu (11)**, and **Taylor Van Pelt (11)**. It has become tradition for parents and staff members to serve breakfast to the juniors and seniors at the end of the after party.

Above: **Jonas Chiang (11)** walks around with hors d'oeuvres, asking people if they would like one. The Honor Banquet celebrates the seniors, and the juniors have the honor of serving them.

Above: **Beran Fisher** attempts to knock water bottles down using nylon and a tennis ball hanging from his head in one of the "Minute To Win It" games. The students had one minute to complete the task in order to win points for their team.

reflecting *on the* past

The games were really fun, except I got a huge neck cramp.
-Sophia Songthangtham (12)

Serving the seniors was a great way to honor the seniors.
-Carson Huenefeld (11)

It was nice to get served by the juniors this year instead of being the one serving.
-Shyler Boutin (12

Above: The seniors pose for a quick picture at the Honor Banquet.

In the Honor Banquet's third year, it moved from Heartland E Free in Central City to Monroe E Free in Phillips. This change allowed the banquet and after party to be held at the same location. The juniors served the seniors their meal, as is traditional. **Mr. Josh Cumpston** read each senior's notes from the underclassmen and then the students headed off to start the games.

Following the games and midnight breakfast, the students did something they haven't done in the past. The seniors shared with the juniors what they wish they would have known before their senior year and gave advice to them. The seniors also said what they were thankful for, which in most cases was their friends. Many of the seniors were very thankful that throughout high school and mainly their senior year, their friends were always there for them, helping them through situations and struggles. A few of the juniors also thanked the seniors for being there for them, for being leaders, and for helping as much as they did.

- ShayeLeigh Cooper (11)

Above: **Hannah Myers (12)** advises the juniors to not take their senior year for granted and to enjoy it because it goes by very fast. The juniors were glad to hear advice and input from the seniors.

Left: **Zoe Flynn (12)**, **Hudson Downing (9)**, and **Ichiro Hokazono (12)** serve at the Dinner and Benefit Action. The auction is NC's largest fundraiser each year.

Above: **Beran Fisher (12)** plays the baritone in the Christmas program. When the Festival of Lessons and CArols was canceled **Mr. Mike Flynn** decided to put on a Christmas concert in its place.

Above: **Mark McHargue** speaks at the Next 50 Years Campaign kick off. As part of this building project, new dorms will be built and the gym building will be renovated.

planning *for the* future

It was enjoyable making music together.
-Scott Smith (12)

Being a "Nonna" means you have to smile a lot.
-Talia Murphy (12)

Music gives us a chance to share our love for Christ through our songs.
-Talitha Harringt (1

A unique school-wide event held in February kicked off The Next 50 Years Capital Building Campaign. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade sang in an all-school choir to family and friends to help launch the campaign and celebrate the future.

The campaign will address the needs of the Girls' Dormitory, the Gym Building, and the Boys' Dormitory. All three of these highly-used buildings were built between 1960 and 1964, and they have served NC students, friends and families for over 50 years. The goal of the campaign is to address the needs of these three buildings in order to prepare the campus to serve the Lord for another 50 years. Campaign Chairman Mark McHargue explained, *"The NC facility has served us well, and this new improvement will keep NC a well-equipped option for high school students."*

The first step of the campaign is anticipated in the summer of 2014 with breaking ground on a new Girls' Dormitory. Plans for the Boys' Dormitory and Gym Building are still being finalized.

The campaign has created excitement across campus and throughout the community. *"I'm excited about the campaign because it is looking forward to and planning for the next 50 years. That means that the school will continue to be here, impacting students' lives, like it did mine, for a long time,"* said **Mrs. Stephani Francl**, 2003 alumna and NC's Development Director.

In its 55years of existence, NC has impacted thousands of lives, and this campaign is paving the way for more lives to be changed with the truth of the gospel.

-Mrs. Stephani Francl & **Lydia Johnson (10)**

Above: Preschool students **Trev McHargue**, **Alexis Perry**, **Alyza Leonard**, and **Silas Haynes** eagerly recite their verse at the Harvest Festival. All students in preschool through sixth grade had a part in the Harvest Festival program.

Left: Amidst towering hotels, the seniors round the corner to see this 1960s motel. Even though it wasn't like the fancy hotels around it, the seniors learned to make an adventure out of their sketchy motel.

Above: **Zoe Flynn (12)** and **Jade Mieth (12)** listen intently during the guided tour of the capitol. The seniors were led by a tour guide who made the tour both interesting and educational.

Above: Arlington National Cemetery. **Mr. Carl Ostrand** said, "*Touring Arlington National Cemetery helped our students see the reality and commitment involved in patriotism and service to our country.*"

embracing *the* new

Without our over-enthusiastic cheering, they would definitely have lost the game.
-Whitney Twogood (12) and **Talia Murphy (12)**

I'm surprised no one else got hurt in the metro besides Mr. Cumpston.
-Sophia Songthangtham (12)

I'm pretty sure the only word the vendor knew in English was 'hot dog,' which was all I needed to know.
-Tim Fread (12)

The Class of 2014's senior trip was a change from past trips. Usually, the senior trip was to Minnesota or Texas, and freshmen or sophomores traveled to Washington, D.C. However, a few years ago, Superintendent **Josh Cumpston** and American Government teacher **Carl Ostrand** decided the D.C. trip would be better suited to seniors, who study government in the fall semester. So the Class of 2014 didn't go on a freshman or sophomore D.C. trip, and they made the journey to D.C. in the fall of 2013.

Waking up at 2 a.m. and flying the nation's capital (rather than driving, as most other classes had done), the seniors embarked on their new experience as a class.

The two favorite museums were Natural History and Holocaust because they really helped the seniors see how lost the world is. **April Faeh (12)** said, "*The hardest part of the Holocaust museum was seeing a picture of a family that just got shot in the middle of the street.*" Arlington National Cemetery was the other highlight of the trip because it displayed the honor and loyalty of the men and women who died for this country. The whole trip was full of history and exciting new experiences.

The seniors didn't just walk around and look at buildings the whole time, they also had a couple fun activities. The first one on the list was going to eat at Fogo de Chao. Let's just say it was not a vegetarian restaurant. They gave you cards that had red side which meant that you didn't want any more meat and a green side which meant you wanted more. The second activity they did was watch a Capitols hockey game. Even though they were up in the nose bleeds of the stadium, they still had fun learning new chants and enjoying the game. **Nhung Phan (12)** said "*This was my first time going to a hockey game, and I really enjoyed it! I am a hockey fan now.*"

Even though this trip was different from other senior trips, the seniors enjoyed experiencing new things and being with their class.

-Rachel McHargue (12)

Above: The seniors pose for a picture with Congressman Adrian Smith on the steps of the Capitol building. The seniors enjoyed talking to Smith and asking questions about politics.

Left: **Marilla Flynn (9)** and **Scott Smith (12)** play in the pep band during the Homecoming Pep Rally. The Pep Rally wrapped up the week's events and helped get the students excited for the evening's football game.

Above: On Famous Pairs Day, Darth Vader (**CJ Ruybalid [11]**) studies for an American History test. Ruybalid 's partner, **Ethan Unruh (11),** dressed as a Jedi.

Above: **Janie Mousel (9)**, **Morgan Schulze (9)**, **Reagan Williams (9)** and **Jaydon Elge (9)** prepare to throw dodge balls violently at their "enemies." Finally, victory belonged to the Juniors. The prize for the victory was no lunch cleanup for a month.

a week of fun

I really enjoyed seeing how creative everyone got with their costumes! There were lots of very unique ideas, and lots of funny moments.

-Zoe Flynn (12)

Dressing up not just as a single Bible character, but as Jonah and the Fish was sweet! I'm glad I won best dressed because wearing that all day was hard work.

-Scott Smith (12)

I thought Homecoming went well, and my costume was obviously the best.

-Myles Wheeler (11)

Homecoming is always an exciting break for Nebraska Christian students. From designing crazy outfits to attending outlandish Pep Rallies, students know how to be creative and enjoy this week outside of the norm.

Of course, dressing up is the main attraction of Homecoming. Famous Pairs Day and Bible Character Day seemed to be the most interesting. **Emily Simmons (11)** and **Amber Mazankowski (11)** dressed up as Oreos and milk, which received runner up honors for Famous Pairs Day. Simmons said, *"Famous Pairs day was a really fun idea! Amber and I were talking and she threw out the idea of Oreos and milk, so we went with it! It took several hours to paint and decorate, but it was definitely worth it."*

For Bible Character Day, **Scott Smith (12)** dressed up as Jonah in the whale, literally! He said, *"It started out as a hoola hoop and some blue plastic table covering. Then with a little tweaking and a lot of help from my sister (**Miss Charissa Smith**), we ended up with a big fish!"* Smith won first place with his costume.

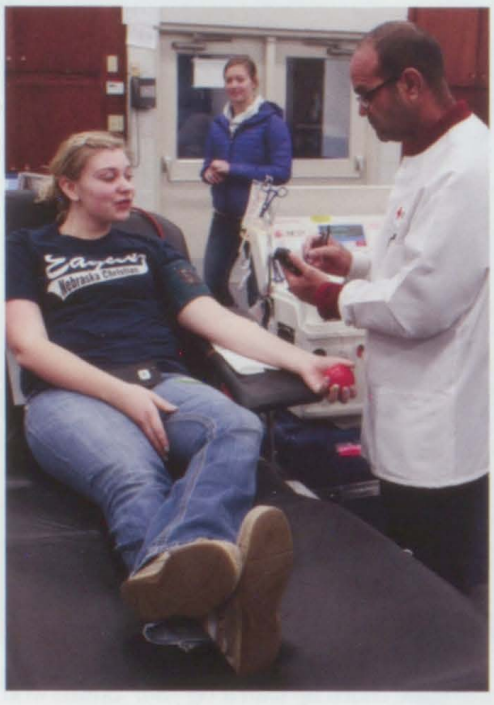
This year's Homecoming seemed to have everyone's attention and enthusiasm as they showed their school spirit. The pep rally was taken just a step above previous years since the whole school really got involved. Having boys play volleyball and girls put on football pads made for an exciting mass of cheers and laughter. **Mymy Luu (12)** said, *"I really enjoyed the fact that I could be myself and show how intimidating I can be as a football player."* Then the entire student body played a giant game of dodge ball. Since pep rallies tend to only involve a few people, the students enjoyed this change and had a good time.

All in all, the week was a strong success. Having a break from a normal week at school relieved a lot of stress and helped everyone grow closer together by having fun.

-Rachel McHargue (12) & **Nhung Phan (12)**

Above: **Nhung Phan (12)**, **Mymy Luu (12)**, **Alicia Kim (9)** and **Linh Vu (10)** prepare for the most intimidating competition while **Mr. Andy Falk** explains the rules. With the cheers of the crowd, ten girls humorously "frightened" the whole school at the Pep Rally.

Left: Representing the freshman class, **Alicia Kim (9)** prepares to launch her paper airplane during the Student Council Olympics. The classes competed against each other all week, and the winning class received a few week's off of lunch cleanup.



Above: **Alexis Gulbranson (12)** prepares to give blood during the Student Council sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive. Twenty-five units of blood were collected, the most ever at a Nebraska Christian drive.

Above: Seniors **MyMy Luu**, **Cailyn Ostrand**, and **Victoria Boersen** eagerly prepare their sundaes at the fall ice cream social. Due to scheduling concerns, the Student Council wasn't able to put on the traditional back-to-school social, so they decided to surprise the student body with ice cream.

living with energy

Left: **Hope Baldwin (11)** gives blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive.

Left: **Clark Pham (12)** sips hot chocolate before 1st Semester finals. The hot chocolate break came right after the Christmas Chapel.

Left: **Hannah Mead (11** listens intently to **Taylor Van Pelt (11)** as she relays the "telephone" message during the Stude Council Olympics.

Above: The sophomores, including (from left) **Albert Yang**, **Logan Faeh**, **Linh Vu**, **Dillon Rose**, **Zac Dockweiler**, and **Matt Myers**, prepare to take on the junior high in the finals of the hockey tournament during the STUCO Olympics. The junior highers emerged victorious.

This year's student council (STUCO) was a refreshing group of individuals who brought life and new ideas to a sometimes stagnant team. They worked hard from day one in office and did much to unify a diverse student body. The group, led by Student Body President **Sophia Songthangtham (12),** Vice President **Hans Epp (12)**, Treasurer **Zoe Flynn (12)**, and Secretary **Hannah Myers (12)**, put together events like the blood drive in January, a class-door-decorating-contest in December, pre-game pep rallies, ice-cream socials, and a class Olympic competition after this year's Sochi Winter Olympics.

Students loved the door-decorating-contest because it turned a hallway from bland to something that was alive with Christmas-Spirit. The pep rallies were given extra energy by new activities that pumped up both the crowd and the athletes. Ice cream socials were great breaks in long weeks that gave students a chance to get to know one another. This year's Homecoming was filled with more decorations and school spirit than this campus has seen in a long while, and we have the fantastic STUCO to thank for that.

-Whitney Twogood (12)

Above: Some of the doors from the Christmas decorating contest. Right to left: Sophomores (2nd), 7th grade, Intro to Bible (1st), Juniors (3rd).

Left: **Luke Swanson (8)** gets help from **Mrs. Tara Mundt** as he identifies the different structures in the squid. Mundt said, "*Experience gives meaning. The reason we dissect animals is to gain hands-on understanding of an organism; to make real the concepts & structures studied in class on paper and in text books. Comparisons can then be made between organisms as we study the astounding splendor of God's creation and design.*"

Above: **Tim Fread (12)** and **Shyler Boutin (12)** clean up the area of the shop that they spilled oil on. Shop teacher **Mr. David Gee** often stressed the importance of keeping the shop clean.

Above: **Clark Pham (12)** and **Dan Tran (12)** present their Hamlet project in English IV. New English teacher **Mr. Jay Garrison** incorporated many hands-on projects into his curriculum.

hands-on learning

The faculty and staff are amazing!
-Hudson Downing (9)

Industrial Technology opens doors for students.
-Mr. David Gee

I like A&P because it shows how complex God made our bodies.
-Victoria Boersen (12)

Nebraska Christian offers many academic subjects, and one subject that has grown in recent years is Industrial Technology. **Mr. David Gee** became the Industrial Technology teacher when the program was revamped two years ago. **Shyler Boutin (12)**, who has taken several of Gee's classes, said, *"Mr. Gee is fun and scary at the same time."* In Gee's classes, students learn how to work with the necessary tools and specific metals or wood. **Brandon Brock (12)** said, *"It has expanded my knowledge about tools and way to do things."* Gee often incorporates projects that will benefit the school into his curriculum. **Tim Smith (12)** said, *"We helped redo the kitchen shelf and table."* The Industrial Technology classes have also helped build the Press Box, the stand-up easels for speech, plyometric jump boxes for the weight room, and they are working on much more for the school.

One exciting development in Industrial Technology is the addition of a laser engraver. With a laser engraver, business, art, and Industrial Technology classes could work together, and it also could be a great fundraiser. The school purchased the laser engraver in the spring, and Gee is looking forward to utilizing it in and out of the classroom.

One of Gee's goals for the program is to help the students discover if they have a talent in Industrial Technology. If they do, Mr. Gee wants to help them realize that going to a two-year college can be just as good as going to a four-year university and can help them save money and allow them to begin work in their chosen field sooner.

-Lydia Johnson (11)

Above: **Carson Huenefeld (11)** works on a trailer in Manufacturing II. Huenefeld learned the importance of safety glasses as the sparks flew while he used the grinder.

Left: International students **Bam Intuputi (12)**, **Jack Hu (12)**, **Jonas Chiang (11)**, **Sang Duong (11)**, **Kevin Lin (11)**, **Clark Pham (12)**, **Tien Vu (11)**, **Nhung Phan (12)**, **Dan Tran (12)**, and **Duc Chu (11)** enjoy their experience at the UNK Planetarium on their college visit. International juniors and seniors also went on a college visit to UNL.

Above: **Tim Fread (12)** and **Kevin Cheng (12)** present their Hamlet project in English class. The international students got a chance not only to improve their English skills, but they also got to become better friends with the American students.

Above: **Emily Simmons (11)** plays with the girls from the dorm, **Lanny Lan (10)**, **Alicia Kim (9)**, **Dan Tran (12)**, **Han Sol Park (10)**, **Hye-su Shin (9)**, and **Seo-youn Hong (9)** at the lake. The Simmons family invited the dorm girls to spend a day of weekend with them.

building up friendships

Being an international student on the speech team, I have gained a lot of experience to improve my speaking skills.

-Nhung Phan (12)

Poetry makes my English better, and I have a chance to work with other people from other cultures of the world.

-Sang Duong (11)

Studying abroad helps improve my English skills a lot.

-Tien Vu (11

In 2013-2014, 39 international students from the following countries joined the student body: Viet Nam, Taiwan, Japan, China, Korea and Thailand. Coming from many cultures, the international students embrace the difference and learn how to live together.

The international students study at Nebraska Christian Schools with the Americans. They live, play and study together throughout the year. Their friendships grow stronger every day as they think about each other like true friends. **Isabella Yang (10)** said, *"Helping each other study is another way of getting to know each other better."* Especially older students take the responsibility to help younger students on campus as well as in the dorm. *"The second year at NC is quite different from last year because now that I am a senior, I have to be a good leader for the international students,"* said **Bam Intuputi (12)**.

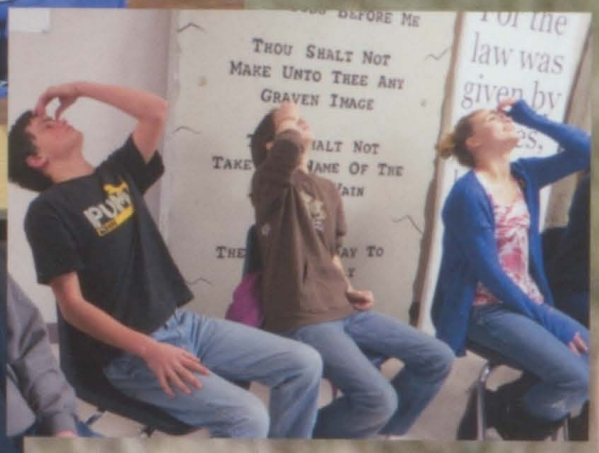
The international students also participated in many activities at school like drama, speech, cross country, basketball, track and music. Being in many activities with American friends, the students' friendships grew bigger and stronger. As they have more interactions with each other, students also understand each other more. **Kamin Khobjai (8)** shared, *"Since I've come to NC, my English improved a lot, and I also have many friends from all over the world."*

On campus, when someone has a problem, other students will try their best to help. International students' friendships grow stronger when they live and serve others as they care about each other like brothers and sisters.

-MyMy Luu (12)

Above: Seniors **Dan Tran** and **Bam Intuputi** study together in the dorm. Most internationals studied very hard, and many appeared on the honor roll each quarter.

Left: **Sophia Songthangtham (12)** and **Rachel McHargue (12)** were two of this year's Vannas at the Benefit Auction. The girls were able to present each bidding item to the crowd.



Above: During one of the games at the Student Council Olympics, **Brad Hildebrand (7)**, **Jessica Hildebrand (8)**, and **Rachel Epp (9)** struggle as they try to get and Oreo from their foreheads to their mouth without their hands.

Above: **ShayeLeigh Cooper (11)** and **Ethan Unruh (11)** serve at the Harvest Festival. The Harvest Festival's purpose is to thank those who have supported the school through prayers and finances.

During the afternoon activities at Spiritual Emphasis Day **Katie Entz (9)**, **Andrew Sack (11)**, and **Chase Kvols (12)** help their team out by trying to pull the rope harder than the other teams. The teams had to try to grab a tennis ball that was set out of reach.

against *the* norm

When Nebraska Christian was founded in 1959, it was because people wanted an alternative to public schools. They wanted their children growing up with a Christ-centered education. In the beginning, Nebraska Christian incorporated biblical truth in every aspect of education, and that tradition still stands today. Students come to Nebraska Christian knowing that they will be getting a Christian education. The school and the students make it clear to others that Nebraska Christian is not like most schools. *"The basis of all that we do comes from God's word, so that reflects through students in things such as solving problems and helping out,"* **Mr. Carl Ostrand** explained. Everything that the students are taught is centered around Christ and the Bible's instructions for living life. That includes things such as a conflict students may have or even just simply how to be a friend to others.

The character of the students is different from other schools, and that is apparent in everywhere they go by showing respect and maturity. Most Nebraska Christian students have helping hearts and there can always be enough volunteers found for events such as the benefit auction Nebraska Christian holds each year. Positive feedback is always found to come back from those being served. Not only does positive feedback come from those being served, but also those serving. *"Personally, I really enjoy serving at the Benefit Auction and the Harvest Festival and other events because it's a great opportunity to serve others and even be able to talk to other people that I don't get to see around that often,"* stated **Emily Simmons (11)**.

It can be very hard to find young people willing to help for nothing in return, yet that never seems to be a problem at this school. Every year there are always students that step up and become leaders to help out the whole school and show other classmates how to lead and live in the Christian way. The ways that Nebraska Christian was built on in 1959 are still going strong today.

- ShayeLeigh Cooper (11)

a new team

Left: **Chihoon Lee (12)** gives advice for playing defense to **Ichiro Hokozono (12)** and **John Tran (11)**. Tran said, *"I am thankful for his advice. Now I know how to play and enjoy the game."*

Left: From front to back, **Josh Frederick (11)**, **Eric Kim (12)**, and **Ichiro Hokazono (12)** run up the field before the goal keeper kicks the ball out. Almost all teammates played defender at least once during the season.

On January 18th, the Eagle soccer team played its first-ever game in a junior high and high school soccer league in Grand Island. This was the first game since the soccer team was formed and is also the first competitive soccer team in the school's history. Although the team lost three of its first four games, the team kept its positivity throughout the season. Following the first game, **Eric Kim (12)** said, *"Everyone showed a pretty good effort, but the result turned out really bad for us. It was a great experience, and we will keep improving as a team to play for God."*

When asked about the process of forming a soccer team, team captain **Chihoon Lee (12)** responded, *"We found a soccer league in order to play actual games in, and during the process, we discussed our options with **Mr. Cumpston**. We have gotten through the tough part, and look where we are now!"*

During their practices, the players usually worked on stamina and techniques such as passing, dribbling, and shooting skills. They tried to focus on the areas that they had the most problems with and worked hard to get better.

-Johnny Tseng (12)

Above: *Soccer Club*. Front to back, left to right. Row 1: John Tran(11), Kyle Kim (8), Chihoon Lee (12), Ryan Dexter (7), Larry Santillan. Row 2: Head Coach Mark Perry, Kamin Khobjai (8), Josh Frederick (11), Sang Duong (11), Daniel Veliz, Eric Kim (12), Assistant Coach Lorenzo Santillan. Not pictured: Ichiro Hokazono (12), Ray Santillan.

I didn't believe the soccer team would win even once, but we did.

-Kyle Kim (8)

Although this year was the first year of soccer, we did well.

-Sang Duong (10)

Because of soccer club, I could make more friends.

-Kamin Khobjai (8)

State Track Qualifiers. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Warren Dexter (11), Adrian Epp (11), Logan Fach (10), Carson Huenefeld (11), Hans Epp (12). Row 2: Cassidy Ostrand (10), Amber Mazankowski (11), Katie Cumpston (10), Tara Murphy (10), Hope Baldwin (11), Cailyn Ostrand (12), Talia Murphy (11), Katie Entz (9).

All-State Music Qualifiers. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Kevin Cheng (12). Row 2: Zoe Flynn (12), Katie Cumpston (10). Row 3: Ethan Unruh (11), Scott Smith (12), Chase Kvols (12).

Speech State Qualifiers. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Timothy Flynn (9). Row 2: Nhung Phan (12), Madison Fuehrer (10), Marilla Flynn (9), Talidia Harrington (10), MaKenna Loy (10), Beran Fisher (12), Dan Tran (12), Scott Smith (12).

qualifying for state

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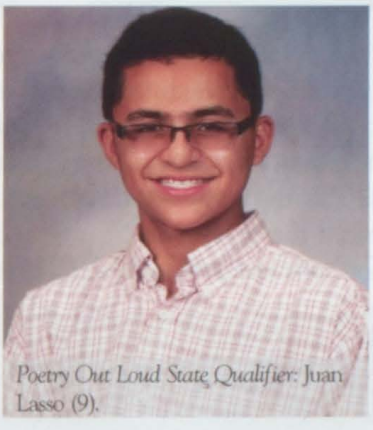


Poetry Out Loud State Qualifier: Juan Lasso (9).

State Wrestling Qualifier: **Jaydon Elge (10).**

State Cross Country Qualifiers. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Katie Cumpston (10). Row 2: Matt Myers (10), Hans Epp (12), Head Coach Janet Landrigan. Row 3: Warren Dexter (11), CJ Ruvbalid (11), Adrian Epp (11), Jerron Tiemeyer (11), Cameron Langemeier (10).

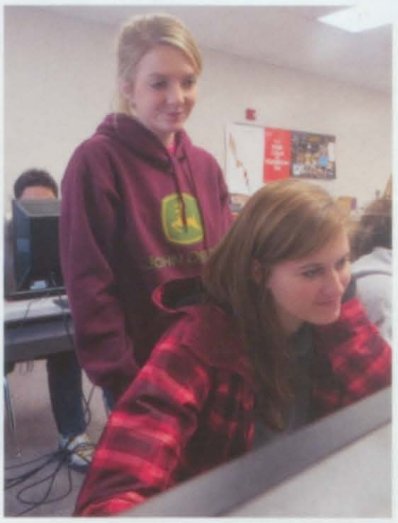
I like running at state.
-Jerron Tiemeyer

It was fun singing with really talented people from across the state.
- Katie Cumpston

Even though we weren't the best, it was great to compete among the best.
- Marilla Flynn

the joy of creation

Left: **Mymy Luu (12)** and **Sang Duong (11)** have a great time discussing the staff page. Although meeting deadlines was always a struggle, yearbook members still enjoyed every moment working together.

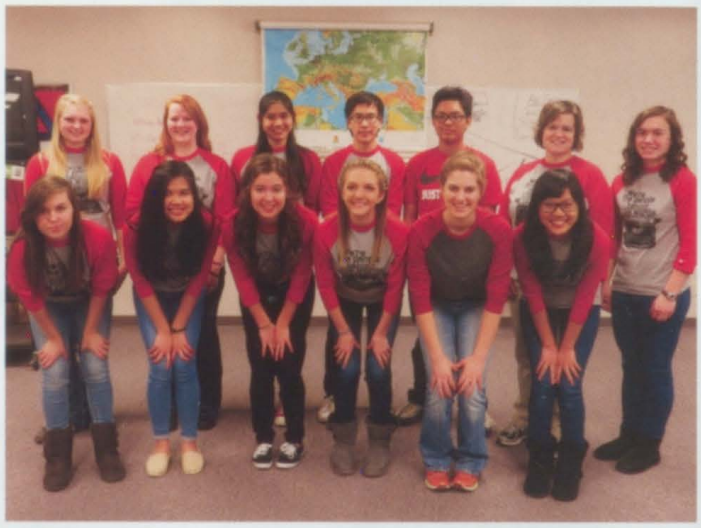


Left: **Lydia Johnson (11)** and **Whitney Twogood (12)** enjoy looking at pictures. Perhaps the most interesting work for the yearbook staff was choosing the right picture.

When people hear the word: "yearbook", they usually think of students passively sitting around and working with the computer; however, the 2014 yearbook members were more active than ever. The year started with the selling of ads, which was a chance for students to practice their marketing skills. **Taylor Swantek (11)**, one of the top sellers, enthusiastically embraced the experience. *"It was an opportunity for me to step out of my comfort zone and go talk to people,"* she said. The yearbook officers, as well as the people who sold the most ads, had a chance to go to the yearbook conference at the Columbus New World Inn. **Eric Kim (12)** said, *"Conference was a great place to check out new things in yearbook. I appreciated our school giving me the chance to experience the conference."*

Once the staffers sold as many advertisements as they could, it was time to start working. New yearbook staff members brought much creativity to the class. **Bam Intuputi (12)** shared, *"Designing the yearbook layouts was quite challenging for me, especially the cover. I had so many ideas, but sometimes it was difficult to put all of that together."* The students worked hard to finish their pages before the deadline, and most of the time, they were successful. Four students joined the class second semester, allowing the work to be more spread out. **Talia Murphy (12)**, one of the new students, confessed about her experience doing yearbook, *"I was assigned the Junior High sports page, which was hard because I don't know exactly what's going on in that area."*

-Nhung Phan (12)



Above: *Yearbook Staff*. Front to back, from left. Row 1: ShayeLeigh Cooper (11), Layout Manager Bam Intuputi (12), Business Manager Rachel McHargue(12), Lydia Johnson (11), Whitney Twogood (12), Nhung Phan (12). Row 2: Taylor Swantek (11), Brittany Ritta (11), Editor Sophia Songthangtham (12), Photo Editor Eric Kim (12), Sang Duong (11), Adviser Becky Ritta, Hope Baldwin (11). Not pictured: MyMy Luu (12).

I enjoy taking many pictures for yearbook because I can keep NC memories about each event.

-Eric Kim (12)

It was a fun experience to learn how to approach people when selling things. I also liked getting out of school.

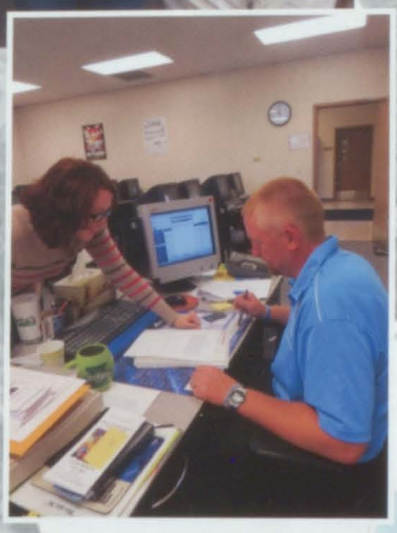
-Rachel McHargue (12)

Being editor is hard but also interesting because I get to read different styles of writing, and I get to say no a lot.

-Sophia Songthangtham (12)

becoming *media* savvy

Above: *Media Staff*. From left: Mr. Mark Leonard, Makenna Morris (12), Dan Tran (12), Johnny Tseng (12).



Right: **Makenna Morris (12)** discusses her latest blog article with **Mr. Mark Leonard**. Each week, the media students wrote an articles about things that had happened on campus.

In its second year of existence, the media class began to take on a distinct identity under the instruction of **Mr. Mark Leonard**. In addition to live streaming events for NC's Striv channel, the students wrote weekly blog posts for Nebraska Christian's website. Some of those posts were also used in the Advance, the school's quarterly newsletter that goes out to more than 2,000 people. The class also took on a major project--filming and editing a video called "We Are NC," which spotlighted all of the activities, sports, and groups on campus. Leonard said, "*I saw a similar video that another school did, and I thought it would be a great way to promote NC.*" The film made its debut at the awards chapel at the end of the year.

Though the class was small with only three students in the fall semester and two students in the spring, Superintendent **Josh Cumpston** believes it will grow in the future. "*Once students see the things they can do in media, I think many more will want to take the class, especially those who are interested in video,*" he said.

One way Cumpston and Leonard are trying to grow interest in the program is by recruiting students who are not in the class to help with the filming of live events. During the spring semester, Leonard took interested students to a social media conference hosted by Striv, and he hopes that many of those students will join the class in the future.

-Nhung Phan (12) & **Miss Becky Ritta**

I think being able to record games and to announce them are fun. Media challenges me to think out of the box.

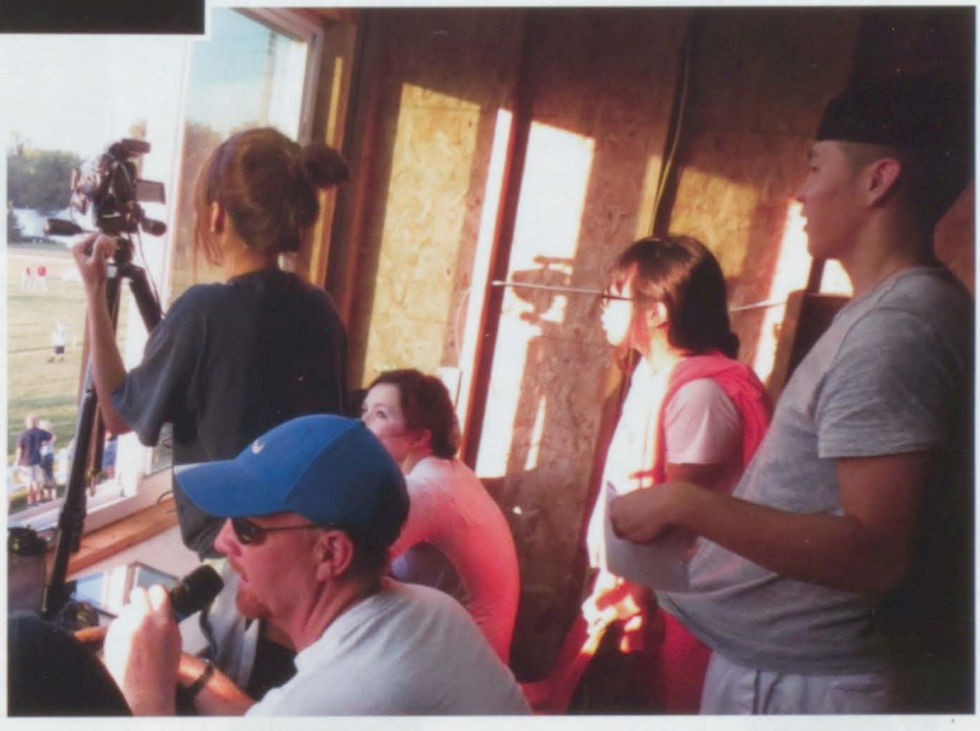
-Makenna Morris (12)

Johnny was singing all the time, and also Mr. Leonard.

-Dan Tran (12)

Writing news for the school website is a good experience for me.

-Johnny Tseng (12)



Above: Back to front, left to right: **Mr. Mark Leonard**, **Dan Tran (12)**, **Makenna Morris (12)**, **Han Sol Park (10)**, and **Johnny Tseng (12)** live stream a football game. The media class was responsible for filming all home events for broadcast on Striv.

breaking new ground

Left: **Juan Lasso (9)**, **Hannah Myers (12)**, **Sophia Songthangtham (12)**, and **Hans Epp (12)** serve up ice cream for the student body as a surprise. A surprise ice cream social has become a bit of a tradition in the fall.

Left: **Zac Dockweiler (10)** sits on top of the lockers to hang streamers for Homecoming. Because the high school building is often neglected during Homecoming, the Student Council decided to surprise the student body by decorating the hallways over the weekend.

This year the Student Council has broken new ground by adding events like the hot chocolate social and door decorating contest before finals, and also by having the first international student council president, Senior **Sophia Songthangtham**. Songthangtham said, *"It is an honor to be the first ever international president! It is a blessing to be able to be part of the school leadership. Sometimes I have a little too much fun being president, but God always has His way of humbling me."*

The Student Council put together everything from Homecoming week to the Red Cross blood drive to afternoon socials. While the council members worked together in the running of events, the majority of the planning was done by the officers and sponsors **Miss Becky Ritta** and **Mr. Andy Falk**. All four student council officers were seniors, and they took their leadership role seriously as they planned events intended to foster class unity, as well as be enjoyable. They also looked to the other members for input, who in turn brought concerns from their individual classes. Trevor Cumpston (7) said, *"I like that I can listen to what my classmates have to say and take it to the Council."*

By leading the Student Council, the seniors accomplished a lot this year and gave the younger members a great example of how to lead. Next year's Student Council might have a lot to live up to, but with the upcoming leaders, there's a bright future ahead for the Nebraska Christian Student Council.

-Hope Baldwin (11)

Above: *Student Council.* Front to back, left to right. Front: Treasurer Zoe Flynn (12), Secretary Hannah Myers (12), Trevor Cumpston (7), Spencer Williams (8). Back: Juan Lasso (9), Josh Frederick (11), Vice President Hans Epp (12), Zac Dockweiler (10), President Sophia Songthangtham (12). Not pictured: Rachel McHargue (12).

Student Council has felt like a lot of responsibility, but it's fun to organize events for the school.

-Zoe Flynn (12)

I appreciate the senior student council members for leading us toward the next year.

-Josh Frederick (11)

Being on STUCO has been a lot of fun! I love the people that I work with, and I like to help plan all the events in school.

-Rachel McHargue (12)

working as a team

Above: *Quiz Bowl Team.* Front to back, from left. Front: Katie Cumpston (10), High School Coach Dee Flynn, Jessica Hilderbrand (8), Trevor Cumpston (7), Jon Dockweiler (7), Ben Janssen (7), Zoe Flynn (12), Marilla Flynn (9), Hannah Ritta (11). Back: Beran Fisher (12), Adrian Epp (11), Juan Lasso (9), Alison Winsterman (7), Andrew Feely (8), Micah Smith (8), Tim Hofmann (8), Luke Swanson (8), Kyle Kim (8), Junior High Coach Tara Mundt, Whitney Heuermann (10), Scott Smith (12).

Right: **Whitney Heuermann (10)** works on a problem during practice. The team held several early morning practices to prepare for meets.

The nine-member high school quiz bowl team came out of the gate strong. At the Goldenrod Conference Meet, the team was the runner-up to Heartland Lutheran. They went on to place fourth at the ESU District Meet. The team was eliminated by eventual district champion High Plains. Senior High Coach **Dee Flynn** said, *"We were so disappointed, and we had hoped to move on to the State Competition in Holdrege where we had represented our school the past two years. However, we did feel a little better when we learned the next day that High Plains proceeded to beat Columbus twice in the final rounds to win the competition."*

Despite the team's disappointment, the members had much to be proud of, especially since they went into the season unsure of how they would compete. Team member **Marilla Flynn (9)** explained, *"We thought losing [2013 NC graduate] Kim Deichmann would make a big difference, but as a team we have pulled together and done really well."*

The junior high team also had a great season, winning the Goldenrod Conference Junior High Meet. Junior High Coach **Tara Mundt** is excited for the team's future: *"I see tremendous potential for next year's team! The 8th graders moving to the high school team are strong additions to that team and the 7th graders will now be 'experienced' leaders."*

-Hope Baldwin (11)

The best thing about quiz bowl is the team work. Everyone has to work together to win.

-Jessica Hilderbrand (8)

I think the best thing is to see how much you really know about the world around you.

- Juan Lasso (9)

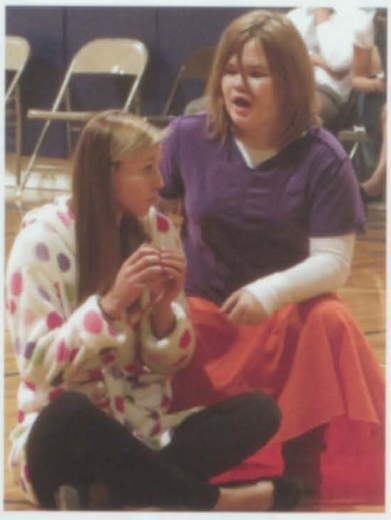
I was worried about Quiz Bowl, but I had fun. Also, it made me confident.

-Kyle Kim (8)

Above: The high school team competes at Districts. **Whitney Heuermann (10)**, **Zoe Flynn (12)**, **Scott Smith (12)**, **Beran Fisher (12)**, and other team members discuss the answer to a problem.

giving it all

Left: The chorus of "Every Waking Moment" (clockwise from left) **Hannah Ritta (11)**, **Janie Mousel (9)**, **Whitney Heuermann (10)**, **Taylor Swantek (11)**, **Madi Fuehrer (10)**, **Brittany Ritta (11)**, **Wendy Bornmann (9)**, **Reagan Williams (9)**, **Talitha Harrington (10)**, and **MyMy Luu (12)** sets the stage for the play. The chorus spoke about how the Taliban found out about the Korean missionaries.



Left: **Cassidy Ostrand (10)** as dream Yeong and **Marilla Flynn (9)** as Grandma Cho perform the dream scene. Taylor Van Pelt portrayed Yeong when she wasn't dreaming.

The Nebraska Christian drama class practiced very hard on its One Act play. "Every Waking Moment," which Coach Jay Garrison wrote, is a play based on a true story about a group of Christians from Korea who went to a Muslim nation to tell them the good news of Christ. They ended getting involved with the Taliban through their van driver. The drama team competed with this play in the Conference and District One Act competition. Though they did not make the state competition, they were very pleased with their performance. **Reagan Williams (9)** said after the meeting with the judges in the critique room at districts, *"The judges were really tough, but I think we got the message across."* As the Drama class filed into the bus after a hard day of competing, **Mr. Jay Garrison** said, *"I am very proud of the drama team. At the beginning of the year we gave this One Act up to the Lord, and I believe He has blessed it. I am very pleased with the performance."*

The class also performed a skit earlier in the year, "Twinker Bell," which was Tinker Bell with a twist. Instead of being a nice fairy, Twinker Bell was an evil fairy that ate all the lost boys until Wendy came and found the reason for all the disappearing lost boys. The team performed this skit for the elementary students early in the semester.

Through hard work and determination, the drama team accomplished much ... and had a lot of fun in the process!

-Brittany Ritta (11)

Above: *Drama Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Reagan Williams (9), Marilla Flynn (9), MyMy Luu (12), Hannah Ritta (11), Susan Hofmann (10), Cole Ruybalid (9), Juan Lasso (9). Row 2: Makenna Morris (12), Janie Mousel (9), Wendy Bornmann (9), Hye Su Shin (9), Whitney Twogood (12), Talia Murphy (12), Sang Duong (11). Row 3: Katie Entz (9), Taylor Swantek (11), Brittany Ritta (11), Noah Dexter (9), Tommy Flynn (9), Josh Frederick (11), Warren Dexter (11), Ethan Unruh (11). Not Pictured: Talitha Harrington (10), Whitney Heuermann (10), Scott Smith (12), Keagan Jewell (11), Madison Fuehrer (10), Taylor Van Pelt (11), Cassidy Ostrand (10), Tara Murphy (10), Maddie Kirby (11).

Drama helps me speak in front of people.

-Maddie Kirby (11)

I Really enjoyed One Act.

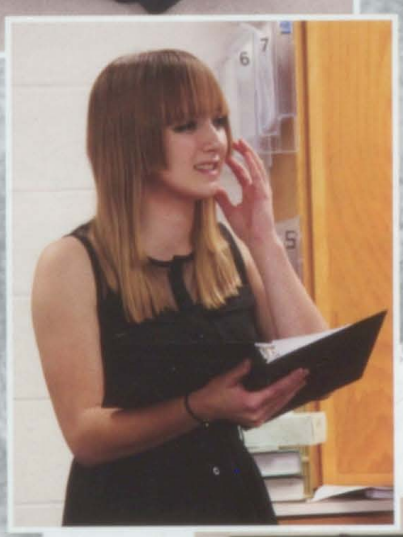
-Taylor Van Pelt (11)

The Peter Pan play (Twinkerbell) was fun for the kids, but I liked the Taliban play better.

-Sang Doung (11)

seniors speak life

Above: *Speech Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Hannah Ritta (11), Nhung Phan (12), Dan Tran (12), Zoe Flynn (12), Marilla Flynn (9), Morgan Schulze (9). Row 2: Taylor Van Pelt (11), Cole Ruybalid (9), Rachel Epp (9), Katie Cumpston (10), Talitha Harrington (10), Alexis Gulbranson (12), Meagan Dittmer (11), Tommy Flynn (9). Row 3: Coach Charissa Smith, Scott Smith (12), Beran Fisher (12), Brittany Ritta (11), Cameron Langemeier (10), Matthew Myers (10), MaKenna Loy (10), Madi Fuehrer (10), Coach Becky Ritta, Coach Ruth Ferris.



Right: With intense emotion, **Meagen Dittmer (11)** presents her poetry program about bullying. A novice, Dittmer soon moved to the Varsity team and placed --- at Conference.

The 21-member speech team was very competitive and talented! After losing 12 seniors who were great leaders last year, the three returning seniors took the challenge and led the team well. **Zoe Flynn (12)**, **Scott Smith (12)**, and **Beran Fisher (12)** took seriously their goal to encourage and help the younger team members. They prayed for the team before each competition and cheered their teammates on.

The 2014 team had many novice members who had to step up and compete at the varsity level in a number of meets. The team's dedication and confidence resulted in their capturing Goldenrod Conference runner-up honors. The team got to perform before the home crowd for the District Meet, where nine qualified for the State Meet in Kearney. The season culminated with Scott Smith placing 5th in Persuasive and being crowned State Champion in Extemporaneous.

Nhung Phan (12) and **Dan Tran (12)** both came in to speech shy and unsure of what to do. They started out in the novice division, butt hey competed well and made it to State. Phan said, *"I never thought that doing humorous duet would be so interesting and it has inspired me to continue to do speech in college."*

The speech team aimed to be an encouragement to all teams they competed against this year. Win or lose, the NC speech team had a lot of fun and their one goal was to further Christ's Kingdom.

-Brittany Ritta (11)

Speech is really fun, especially with your friends.
-Hannah Ritta (11)

It was fun to do OID with friends.
-Madison Fuehrer (10)

Super Fun and Exciting!
-Talitha Harrington (10)

Above: Before each meet begins, the speech team gets together to warm up by doing the "Hokey Pokey" or "Father Abraham." They also pray together and encourage each other before going to perform.

make a joyful noise

Left: Cousins **Zoe (12)** and **Marilla (9) Flynn** warm up prior to the band's performance at music contest. The band received "1" ratings at both the conference and district competitions.

Left: **Beran Fisher (12)** plays the sousaphone during pep band. Fisher played the baritone for concert band.

Ready, set, play! You walk into a room, and there are instruments tuning, people practicing, and the director handing out music. You have just walked into the Nebraska Christian band room. Band is something that takes time, practice and skill. NC students work hard to achieve perfect pitch and tempo. It is harder than it looks, but hard work and dedication make it all possible. **Adrian Epp (11)** said, *"Band is so fun! I love being a part of making beautiful music."*

In band, students have the opportunity to make music that not only is pleasing to the ear but pleasing to the Lord. Every year the band learns new songs and it is always fun to see what they play. Seventh grader **Bennett Zaruba (7)** said,*"This year we are playing a song called 'Faith.' This is my favorite song because it includes a hymn that is special to me. It's about a 13-year-old girl who died, and it helps to remember her."* Music is something that can speak in many ways, and band members enjoy sharing the meaning of music with all of their audiences.

-Taylor Swantek (11)

Above: *Band.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Morgan Schulze (9), Madison Felt (7), Dana Pope (12), Brittany Ritta (11), Hye Su Shin (9), Victoria Boersen (12), Elizabeth Smith (11), Jessica Hilderbrand (8). Row 2: Cole Ruybalid (9), Andrew Feely (8), Marilla Flynn (9), Wendy Bornmann (9), Bennett Zaruba (7), Kevin Cheng (12). Row 3: Dylan Kvols (7), Chase Gulbranson (8), Micah Smith (8), Maddie Kirby (11), Sydney Fuehrer (7), Zoe Flynn (12). Row 4: Emily Simmons (11), Alexis Gulbranson (12), Adrian Epp (11), Beran Fisher (12), Tommy Flynn (9). Row 5: Juan Lasso (9), Joel Pope (8), Matthew Myers (10). Row 6: Scott Smith (12), Meagen Dittmer (11), Daniel Myers (8), Benny Stevens (9).

Band is a great way to share your faith through music. You don't have to be good at it; if you're bad enough, they will just put you in the back and give you drum sticks.

-Brittany Ritta (11)

I like choir because it is a way to just relax but at the same time you learn a lot about music.

-Morgan Schulze (9)

My favorite band memory was when we went to grade when I was in junior high. It was so fun to play with other band students with the same love of music.

-Maddie Kirby (11)

praising God together

Above: **Chase Kvols (12)**, **April Faeh (12)**, **Scott Smith (12)**, **Taylor Swantek (11)**, **Levi Elge (11)**, **Zoe Flynn (12)**, **Hans Epp (12)** and **Marilla Flynn (9)** sing "Sing Me to Heaven" at District Music Contest. This octet received a high honor award from the judge, which is given to the best group the judge heard all day.

Choir members: Hope Baldwin, Victoria Boersen*, Hailee Broman, Kevin Cheng*, Jonas Chiang, ShayeLeigh Cooper, Katie Cumpston*, Meagen Dittmer, Hudson Downing, Sang Duong, Jeremiah Ebel*, Levi Elge*, Katie Entz, Adrian Epp*, Hans Epp*, April Faeh*, Logan Faeh*, Beran Fisher*, Marilla Flynn*, Tommy Flynn, Zoe Flynn*, Tim Fread, Madison Fuehrer, Nathan Griess, Talitha Harrington, Whitney Heuermann*, Susan Hofmann, Seo Youn Hong, Alexis Hower*, Jack Hu, Bam Intuputi, Keagan Jewell, Taylor Swantek*, Alicia Kim, Maddie Kirby, Chase Kvols*, Lanny Lan, Cameron Langemeier, Juan Lasso, MaKenna Loy, MyMy Luu, Rachel McHargue, Rubi McHargue, Jade Mieth, Makenna Morris, Janie Mousel, Talia Murphy, Tara Murphy, Hannah Myers*, Matthew Myers*, Cailyn Ostrand*, Han Sol Park, Clark Pham, Nhung Pham, Dana Poppe, Skyler Qu, Brittany Ritta, Hannah Ritta, Dillon Rose, Morgan Schulze, Hye Su Shin, Sarah Simmons, Scott Smith*, Sophia Songthangtham*, Benny Stevens, Danny Stevens, Matt Swanson, Jerron Tiemeyer, Dan Tran, Johnny Tseng*, Whitney Twogood*, Ethan Unruh*, Linh Vu, Myles Wheeler*, Reagan Williams, Grace Wu, Isabella Yang. (* Master's Musicians)

Right: **Dan Tran (12)** and **Seo Youn Hong (9)** sing "This Little Light of Mine" at the Music Showcase. This year, **Mr. Mike Flynn** decided to split the Spring Concert into two events to keep the event from going to long. The Spring Concert featured the large groups like the elementary and secondary bands and choirs, and the Music Showcase highlighted the small groups that received "1" ratings at contest.

Choir is an opportunity to sing praise unto the one that gave the voice to sing. The Nebraska Christian Choir has always been one of the most notable aspects of NC. The school has many talented vocalists that love to sing for the glory of God. Each year there are new choir members that come to replace the previous year's seniors, and it is always interesting to see how the choir gets along each year with out the lead voices from the year before. **Victoria Boersen (12)** said, *"When the seniors leave, it gives a great opportunity for the younger students to step up and fill the gaps that the seniors leave behind."*

The NC choir has members who have been singing all through high school as well as those who have never sung a note in their lives. The new mixed with the old join together to become one voice to praise God together.

As the year comes closer to an end the Choir students are busy with choir tours and spending time after school working on contest pieces. **Hudson Downing (9)** said, *"I really like when we go on choir tours and are able to glorify God through what we sing and how we can share what God has done through music."* Each time the choir goes on tour is an opportunity to share what God is doing in the choir members' lives. God works in awesome ways, and He can speak through music and the people singing. The choir members embrace the opportunity to share Christ's love through music.

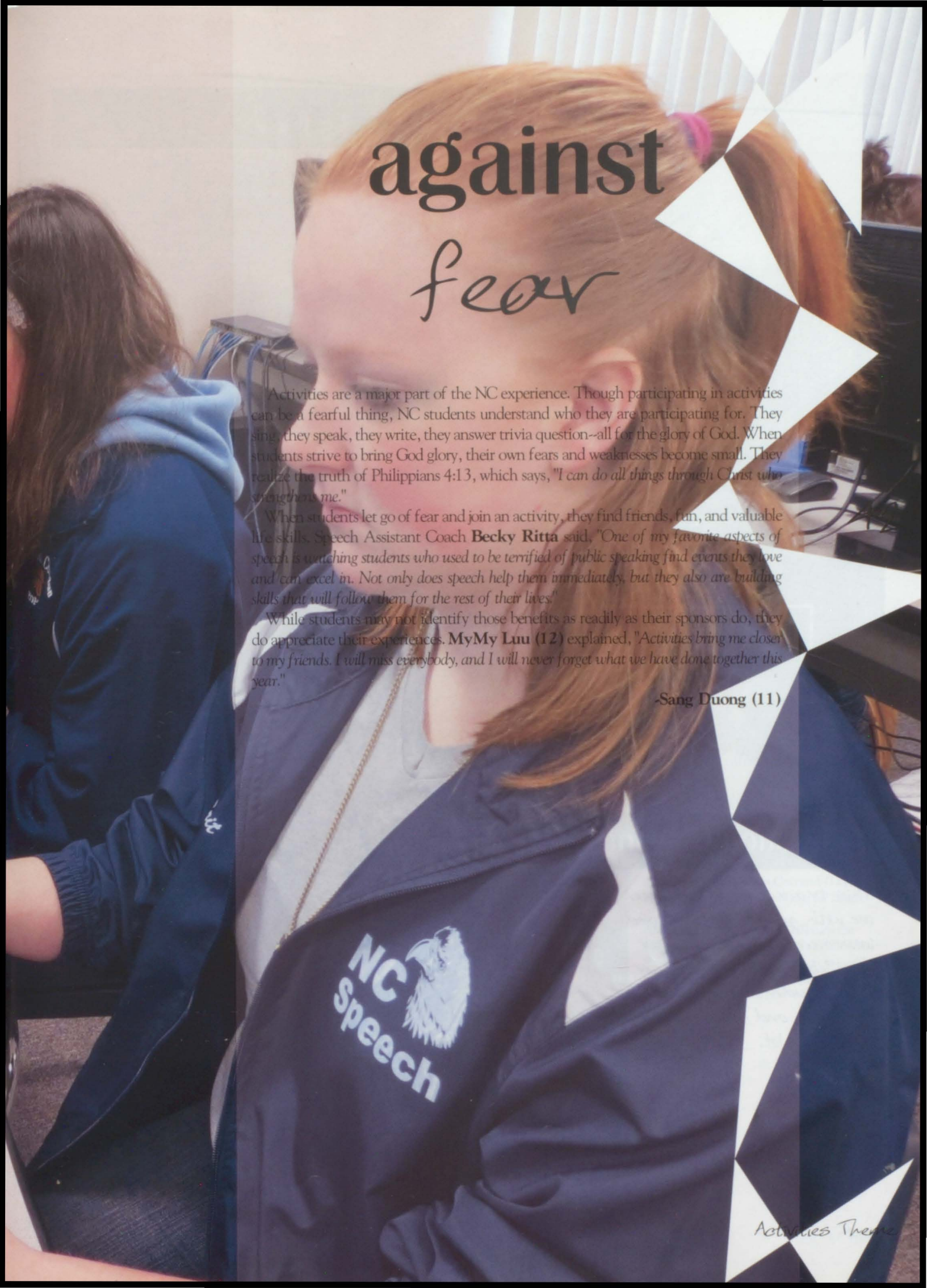
-Taylor Swantek (11)

Left: **Kevin Cheng (12)** plays at the Spring Concert. Cheng, a very accomplished pianist, often accompanied the choir. He also won the Kearney Area Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition in 2014.

Above: Portraying girls who want to join the football team, duet partners **Nhung Phan (12)** and **Dan Tran (12)** struggle to put their helmets on. Phan and Tran were both new to speech in 2014, but their hard work and dedication paid off, and they qualified for the State Speech Championships.

Above: The evil Twinkerbell (**Janie Mousel [9]**) attempts to keep the lost boys under her spell. The drama team put on "Twinkerbell" for the elementary students before shifting focus to the serious competitive piece "Every Waking Moment."

Working diligently on their spreads, (front to back) **Brittany Ritta (11)**, **Hope Baldwin (11)**, **Lydia Johnson (11)**, and **Taylor Swantek (11)** rush to meet their deadlines. While the fall semester was more laid back, the spring semester brought a flurry of activity as deadlines loomed large.



against fear

Activities are a major part of the NC experience. Though participating in activities can be a fearful thing, NC students understand who they are participating for. They sing, they speak, they write, they answer trivia question--all for the glory of God. When students strive to bring God glory, their own fears and weaknesses become small. They realize the truth of Philippians 4:13, which says, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

When students let go of fear and join an activity, they find friends, fun, and valuable life skills. Speech Assistant Coach **Becky Ritta** said, *"One of my favorite aspects of speech is watching students who used to be terrified of public speaking find events they love and can excel in. Not only does speech help them immediately, but they also are building skills that will follow them for the rest of their lives."*

While students may not identify those benefits as readily as their sponsors do, they do appreciate their experiences. **MyMy Luu (12)** explained, *"Activities bring me closer to my friends. I will miss everybody, and I will never forget what we have done together this year."*

-Sang Duong (11)

all for Him

Coach Ostrand

This track season has been a great one with good leadership and constant improvement. The younger students have learned a lot this year from the older students as far as learning how to train, and that has helped them improve a lot.

Above. *Track Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Isabella Yang (10), Hope Baldwin (11), Grace Wu (9), Lydia Johnson(11), Katie Cumpston (10), Hye Su Shin (9), Hannah Myers (12) Momoko Fukuda (9), ShayeLeigh Cooper (11), Rachel Epp (9), Seo Youn Hong (9) Angel Zhang (9), Hailee Broman (9). Row 2: Katie Entz (9), Rachel McHargue (12), Madi Fuehrer (10), Tara Murphy (10), Cailyn Ostrand(12), Cassidy Ostrand (10), MaKenna Loy (10), Amber Mazankowski (11), Sarah Simmons, Talia Murphy (12), Skyler Qu (9). Row 3: Jeremiah Ebel (9), Matthew Myers (10), Adrian Epp (11), Myles Wheeler (11), Tommy Flynn (9) Carson Huenefeld (11), Ethan Unruh (11), Matthew Swanson (11), Hans Epp (12) Juan Lasso (9), John Tran (11). Row 4: Zac Dockweiler (10), Warren Dexter (11), Andrew Winsterman (9), Logan Faeh (10) Dillon Rose (10), Levi Elge(11), Danny Stevens (12) Benny Stevens (9) Cameron Ruybalid (11), Trevor Swanson (10).

Meets

Concordia Indoor
Merrick County Invitational
High Plains Invitational (Osceola)
Palmer Invitational (Fullerton)
Goldenrod Conference Meet(Burwell)
St. Edward Invitational (Fullerton)
District (Loup City)
State Track & Field Championships (Omaha)

Track is a sport that takes self discipline and endurance. The Nebraska Christian Track team works hard every day to train their bodies for the events they will compete in. The team verse this year is Psalm 73:26, which says, "My flesh and my heart may fail but God is the the strength of my heart and my portion forever." This verse is incredibly relevant for track. In track, when athletes are giving their all, the workouts are hard and painful, and everyone feels like they cannot go on, God gives strength and makes all things possible. **Hope Baldwin (11)** said, *"Through this season and all the hard workouts God has shown me that He is with me and I can trust in Him to sustain me."*

Even through injury and a few bumps in the road, the team has persevered and grown closer. **Hans Epp (12)** said, *"The pain brings us together, and it helps keep us dependent on each other and focused on the common goal of team success."*

In the end, the team always pulls off a fun and successful year, and this year was no different, as the boys' team won districts and 13 boys' and girls' team members qualified for state.

-Taylor Swantek (11)

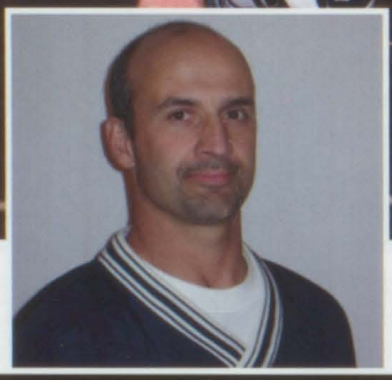
Above: During the Merrick County Track Meet, brothers **Matt Swanson (11)** and **Trevor Swanson (10)** get in the blocks, ready to run the 100 meter dash. The sprinters worked hard all season long to beat their times and give the glory to God.

Above: Ready, set, jump! **Ethan Unruh (11)** catches some air as he long jumps into the sand pit. Unruh said, *"I love to wear my toe shoes because they are unique and they give me 'toe grip power' to help me jump."*

Top of opposite page: **Benny Stevens (9)** flies through the air as he easily clears the bar in the pole vault. The NC vaulters had a great season, with two--**Cailyn Ostrand (12)** and **Hope Baldwin (11)**--qualifying for State.

Above left: **Tara Murphy (10)** runs the 100 hurdles at the Palmer invite at Fullerton. She had a great season and went on to qualify for state in both the 100 and 300 hurdles.

strength from the Lord



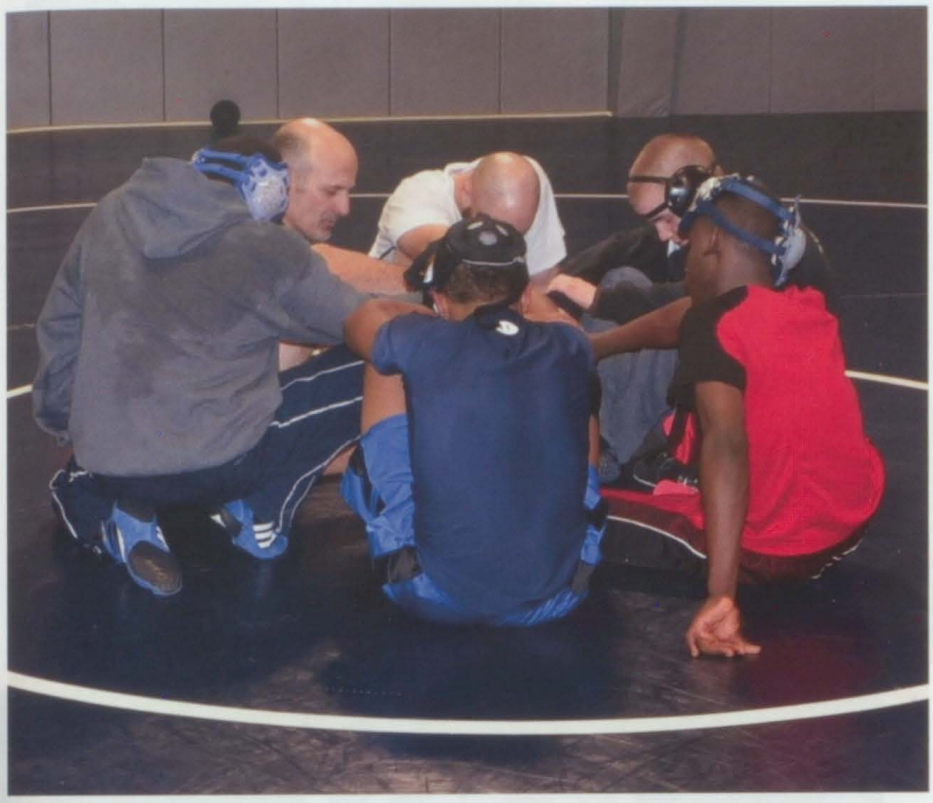
Coach Elge

Our team did well this season, although we did face injuries. By practicing hard every day and through great teamwork, we fought together and wrestled for Christ.

Above: *Wrestling Team.* From left: Head Coach Terry Elge, Jeremiah Ebel (9), Jaydon Elge (9), Assistant Coach Chris Schweitzer, Juan Lasso (9), Assistant Coach Scott Gripenstroh.

Meets

Harvard	Cedar Valley
Osceola	Boone Central
Newman Grove	GICC
Elgin/Pope John	District (Tri County at Dewitt)
Cross County	State (Omaha)
Neligh-Oakdale	



The Nebraska Christian wrestling team may be young and few in number, but they still posted a very successful season.

All the 2013-14 wrestlers were freshmen: **Jeremiah Ebel**, **Jaydon Elge**, and **Juan Lasso**. While Elge has wrestled since age three, Ebel and Lasso are relatively new to the sport.

In spite of the team's youth and inexperience, each team member had an excellent season, and Elge even placed 4th in the state tournament.

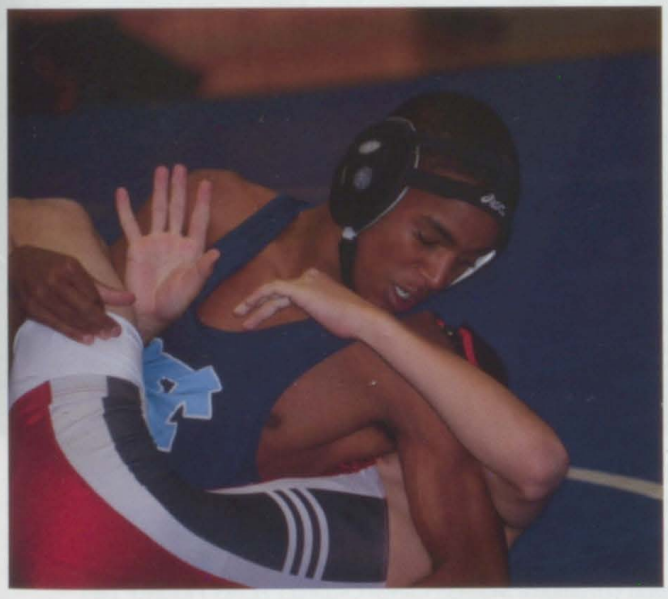
Having only three wrestlers was an advantage during practice since one coach could work with two of the wrestlers and the other coach could give one-on-one attention to the third.

The difference shows up on the mat. However, the skill development isn't the only difference apparent in these three athletes. Faith plays a part in everything they do, as well.

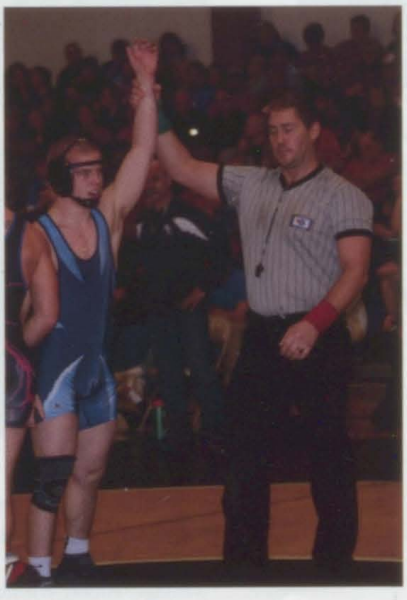
"I've had guys who are not from NC say there is something different about me," said Elge.

Lasso agreed. *"You do show your strength, endurance, skill and intelligence, but the thing people look at the most is character--how we handle a win or a loss, and how our sportsmanship is. Many people notice when you have good character, and many people have told our team this."*

-Brittany Ritta (11), Hannah Ritta (11), Cole Ruybalid (9)



Above: **Jeremiah Ebel (9)** uses his power to block his opponent and make him unmovable. Ebel battled through injuries and won many matches.



Above: **Jaydon Elge (9)** is declared winnner of the match. *"Winning a match is just a preparation for other matches."* said Elge.

Top of opposite page: **Juan Lasso (9)** is about to put an arm bar on the competition. Lasso was very determined to do well throughout the season.

Above left: The team prays together after a practice. Dependence on the Lord gave them the strength and motivation to overcome every trial and succeed.

taking the win

Coach Thiessen

This year was the first year the girls had a winning season (13-8), and though the Lord blessed us with some fun victories, the most important thing that came out of basketball this year was seeing the girls grow in their faith and maturity in Christ.

Above: *Girls' Basketball Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Cailyn Ostrand (12), Makenna Morris (12). Row 2: Momoko Fukuda (9), Hope Baldwin (11), Alexis Hower (10), Rubi McHargue (10), Dan Tran (12). Row 3: Student Manager Claire Ostrand (8), Emily Simmons (11), Cassidy Ostrand (10), Whitney Heuermann (10), Amber Mazankowski (11), Katie Entz (9), Student Manager Alison Winsterman (7), Student Manager Carsyn Ostrand (7). Not Pictured: Tara Murphy (10), Head Coach Gordon Thiessen, Assistant Coach Tonya Ostrand.

Scorebot

St. Edward 55-23	St. Francis 21-42	Harvard 64-13
Heartland Lutheran 27-44	Cedar Valley 44-46	Cedar Valley 43-39
High Plains 38-25	Fullerton 31-42	Burwell 55-36
Humphrey/Holy Family 19-60	Osceola 40-32	Nebraska Lutheran 46-39
Osceola 36-32	Spalding/Spalding Academy 31-24	Shelby-Rising City 30-61
Clarkson/Leigh 46-45	Palmer 31-47	Palmer 50-36
Silver Lake 40-31	Heartland 25-36	Twin River 25-41

The girls' basketball team has had a whirlwind of wins and losses this year. In basketball, teamwork is vital. **Hope Baldwin (11)** said, *"This year the team has been playing great. We have beat the school record of wins/winning season, but mostly we've been playing as a team--working together like a body."* Part of working as a team is making everyone feel like part of the team. From a freshman's point of view, **Katie Entz (9)** said, *"It's been really good; it's been kind of hard learning all the plays, but the coaches and teammates have been really good about helping me."*

Working as a team gives the best result. **Amber Mazankowski (11)** said, *"When we worked together on the court, you could tell a difference at the end of the game."* Working together made a lot of difference in the game and the outcome. The girls had a great season, largely because they worked as a team. They played strong and did their best.

- Lydia Johnson (11)

Above: **Whitney Heuermann (9)** plays defense. As a post, Heuermann always did a good job of keeping her girl from taking a shot.

Above: **Emily Simmons (11)** dribbles the ball down the court. Simmons played point guard for the Eagles in many JV and Varsity games.

Top of opposite page: The girls' basketball team gathers into the huddle. Becoming a great team meant learning how to work together and help each other improve.

Above left: **Tara Murphy (10)** goes up for the rebound. Murphy was a valuable rebounder for the JV team.

teamwork: one strong

Coach Leonard

The boys' basketball team experienced a great deal of growth this season, physically but even more so spiritually. As the season progressed, our team structure was tested at times, but through the grace of God, team unity was forged. We have begun to learn what it means to fearlessly compete for Christ on the court. With this mindset and attitude toward the game of basketball, the future is very bright for Eagles Basketball.

Above: *Boy's Basketball Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Student managers: Seth Hower (6), Cody Griess (7), Bradley Hilderbrand (7), Benjamin Griess (8), Timothy Hofmann (8), Joel Poppe (8), Mckenna Leonard (5), and Jayden Leonard (6) Row 2: Tim Fread (12), Johnny Tseng (12), Jack Hu (12), Clark Pham (12), Keagan Jewell (11). Row 3: Albert Yang (10), Kevin Lin (11), Jonas Chiang (11), Matthew Swanson (11), Nathan Griess (11), Taylor Morris (9). Row 4: Assistant Coach Timothy Jewell, Yu Chen (9), Hudson Downing (9), Andrew Winsterman (9), Dillon Rose (10), Logan Faeh (10), Zachary Dockweiler (10), Head Coach Mark Leonard.

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St. Edward 62-54
Heartland Lutheran 51-58
High Plains 38-75
Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family 40-45
Osceola 35-49
St. Edward 51-32
Silver Lake 43-38
Humphrey St. Francis 27-53
Cedar Valley 43-33
Fullerton 29-46
Osceola 32-51
Spalding/Spalding Academy 49-42
Humphrey St. Francis 32-58
Heartland 30-72
Harvard 32-26
Cedar Valley 46-43
Burwell 29-69
Nebraska Lutheran 49-60
Palmer 40-51
Shelby-Rising City 44-54
Shelby-Rising City 47-48

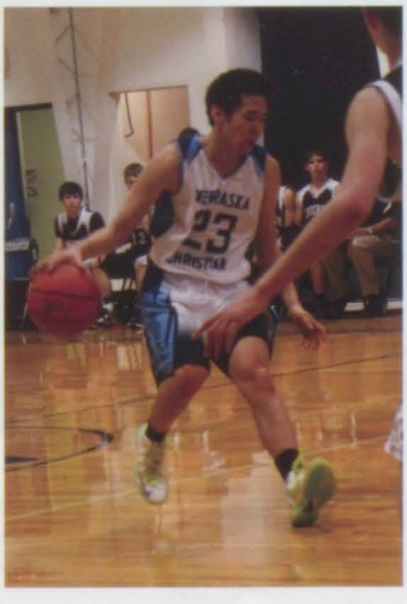
With the overall theme of "One Strong," the boys' basketball team had a great opportunity to team up and fight against pride. Senior **Jack Hu** said, *"One of the most memorable times was when we beat Spalding/Spalding Academy. This year we have been working together a lot, getting closer as a team, and one way we fought against pride was by encouraging one another."* In the middle of the season, the team made quite the upset by beating number two ranked team, Spalding/Spalding Academy.

The boys worked very hard this year but didn't let it get to their heads. In his first year of basketball, junior **Matthew Swanson** said, *"Mi primero ano de baloncesto fue muy bueno [my first year of basketball was very good], and we fought against pride by reminding ourselves whom we are playing for."*

Just as 1 Corinthians 10:31 says, "Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." It's not just about fighting pride; ultimately life is about glorifying the Creator in everything; the boys did just that this season.

-Hope Baldwin (11)

Above: **Zac Dockweiler (10)** goes up for a three pointer. Dockweiler said, "Because the basketball season is so long and hard, God used it to cause me to rely on Him for my strength, not just in basketball, but in every aspect of my life."



Above: **Johnny Tseng (12)** handles the ball. Tseng was a starting point guard/guard in the Eagles' line up.

Top of opposite page: **Keagan Jewell (11)** goes up for a basket against a Cedar Valley defender. Jewell averaged 10 points per game.

Above left: The team relaxes before a game. Front to back, from left. Front: **Keagan Jewell (11)**, **Nathan Griess (11)**, **Zac Dockweiler (10)**, **Tim Fread (12)**, **Logan Faeh (10)**, **Andrew Winsterman (9)**, **Dillon Rose (10)**, **Coach Mark Leonard.** Back: Student manager **Tim Hofmann (8)**, **Matt Swanson (11)**.

running as one

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Coach Landrigan

This was my first season coaching without one of my own children on the team. I realized how much I love working with this group of athletes. It is a challenge to help them develop their own unique God-given abilities but so rewarding to watch them succeed and discover valuable life lessons through this sport. What a blessing to be a part of Nebraska Christian cross country!

Above: *Cross Country Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Head Coach Janet Landrigan, Han Sol Park (10), Katie Cumpston (10), Hannah Mead (11), Rachel McHargue (12), Hannah Myers (12). Row 2: Hudson Downing (9), Jerron Tiemeyer (11), CJ Ruybalid (11), Cameron Langemeier (10), Matthew Myers (10). Row 3: Adrian Epp (11), Warren Dexter (11), Hans Epp (12), Josh Frederick (11).

Scorebox

	Boys:	Girls:
Albion Invite:	7th	7th
Aurora Invite:	2nd	9th
Central City Invite:	2nd	5th
UNK Invite:	1st	9th
Hastings Saint Cecilia Invite:	1st	3rd
McCool:	1st	1st
Districts (Geneva):	1st	6th
State Meet (Kearney):	2nd	

When people hear the words cross country, they usually cringe and say they would never do that in a million years. For runners like me, however, the words cross country bring up exciting memories of past seasons and excitement for the new one approaching. Through running together as a team and experiencing hard workouts together, the Nebraska Christian cross country team formed a bond and a dedication that is hard to describe. **Hans Epp (12)** said, *"Running as a team has many benefits. We work hard every practice because we don't want to let down our teammates; this accountability drives us to get stronger and faster."*

We depend on our teammates and trust them to help encourage and support us because that is extremely important. **Hannah Myers (12)** said, *"I think our whole team enjoyed bonding through different fun runs coach gave us. I felt our team got better at encouraging each other not only at meets but also during practice."*

Our team knows what it takes to strive for a goal and work hard. That hard work paid off at the state meet when Katie Cumpston placed seventh and our boys' team got Class D runner-up. Warren Dexter came in third place and Hans Epp came in first.

-Rachel McHargue (12)

Above: **Katie Cumpston (10)** begins the state meet with strength and focus on the course ahead. Cumpston ended her race with a seventh place medal and a personal best on the state course.

Above: **Adrian Epp (11)**, determined to finish well, strides to the finish line. His determination paid off, and he finished in 21st place at the state meet.

Top of opposite page: After a false start, the boys line up again at their state meet. Even though there was a delay, it didn't keep the boys team from doing their absolute best and becoming Class D runner up.

Above left: Clockwise from left: **Hannah Myers (12)**, **Hannah Mead (11)**, **Katie Cumpston (10)**, **Han Sol Park (10)**, **Rachel McHargue (12)**, **Rachel Epp (9)** huddle up before the race. The girls' team always got together to pray for strength and encourage one another before a race.

becoming a team

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Coach Ostrand

This season was a lot of fun! The girls worked extremely hard in the off season to be able to accomplish what they did this year. This was a very unselfish group of athletes who put the Lord first and the teammates in front of themselves. I am thankful to be a part of this great group of individuals as their coach.

Above: *Volleyball Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Student Manager Jada McHargue (7), Amber Mazankowski (11), Cailyn Ostrand (12), Makenna Morris (12), Victoria Boersen (12), Emily Simmons (11). Row 2: Student Manager Carsyn Ostrand (7), Tara Murphy (10), Whitney Heuermann (10), Susan Hofmann (10), MaKenna Loy (10), Alexis Hower (10), Rubi McHargue (10), Cassidy Ostrand (10), Student Manager Claire Ostrand (8). Row 3: Head Coach Tonya Ostrand, Wendy Bornmann (9), Janie Mousel (9), Reagan Williams (9), Katie Entz (9), Hailee Broman (9), Sarah Simmons (9), Morgan Schulze (9), Assistant Coach Emily McHargue.

Scorebot

Palmer 2-0
Heartland Lutheran 2-0
Nebraska Lutheran 3-0
High Plains Community 3-0
Burwell 2-0
North Loup-Scotia 2-0
Hastings 0-2
Cental City 2-1
Boone Central/Newman Grove 1-2
Elgin Public/Pope John 2-0

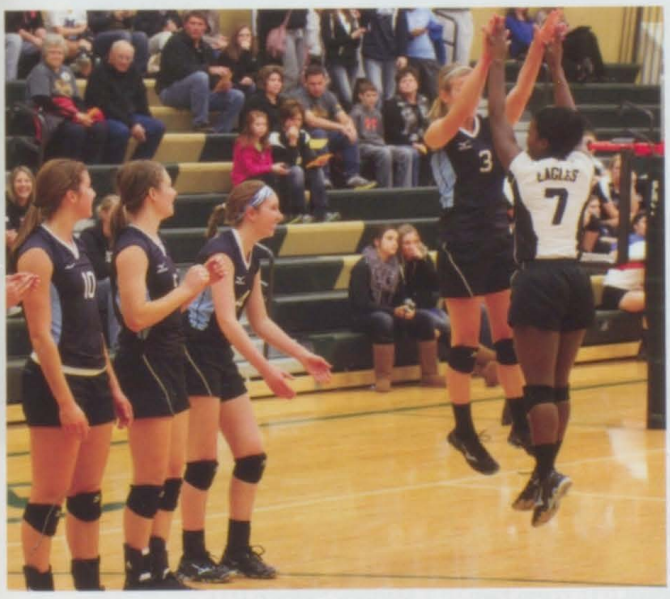
Cedar Valley 2-1
Hampton 2-0
Giltner 0-2
St. Edward 2-0
Hampton 3-2
Humphrey St. Francis 2-0
Heartland Lutheran 2-0
Fullerton 2-0
Spalding/Spalding Academy 2-1
Osceola 2-1

St. Edward 2-0
Elkhorn Valley 2-0
High Plains Community 2-0
Heartland Lutheran 3-0
Humphrey St. Francis 3-0
Cedar Valley 1-3
Heartland 3-0
Parkview Christian 2-0
Dorchester 2-0
Aquinas Catholic 1-3

This year, Nebraska Christian's volleyball team played with new movement. They have improved a lot since last year. With some new students, the team had many new experiences together. Not only did they get to know each other more and make great friendships, but they also got to know the Lord better and learn how to walk with him through sports. *"This is my first year at NC and my second year of playing volleyball,"* said **Makenna Morris(12)**. *"For me, watching and announcing on Striv [which hosts online streaming of varsity events] for the varsity girls made me realize the potential our team has had and the great teammates I had. I am very grateful to have an amazing group of friends,"* Morris added.

The team's favorite memories were the winning moments, pre-season times and eating out for lunch. **Cailyn Ostrand (12)**, who has been playing volleyball for eight years, shared, *"This year in volleyball was a very memorable year. I got to play with some very hard-working, talented girls. Our team was very unified and we each knew our different roles, which helped us become successful."*

-MyMy Luu (12)



Above: **Emily Simmons (11)** and **Rubi McHargue (10)** jump up in the air during the starting lineup while **Amber Mazankowski (11)**, **Cailyn Ostrand (12)** and **Alexis Hower (10)** wait for McHargue to high five the rest of them. They got to know each other better through the volleyball season.

Above: **Cassidy Ostrand (10)** strongly serves the ball at the opposing team. Through practice and determination, Ostrand continued to improve throughout the season.

Top of opposite page: **Emily Simmons (11)** blocks the ball as **Cailyn Ostrand (12)**, **Cassidy Ostrand (10)**, **Amber Mazankowski (11)** cover and protect the hit. Nebraska Christian's volleyball team played with heart and ended the year with a 25-5 record.

Above left: During a break, **Head Coach Tonya Ostrand** and **Assistant Coach Emily McHargue** discuss some new strategies for their team with **Emily Simmons (11)**, **Amber Mazankowski (11)** and **Alexis Hower (10)**.

overcoming obstacles

Coach Ostrand

Throughout this football season, one theme was constant. Faithfulness. Our team focused on the promise from the book of Job, "The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." Regardless of circumstance, our team focused on seeking the Lord in the midst of trials and triumphs. Hopefully these truths will impact our players and coaches beyond the football season and throughout the rest of their lives.

Above: *Football Team.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Nathan Griess (11), Jeremiah Ebel (9), Tommy Flynn (9), Duc Chu (11), Sang Duong (11). Row 2: Trevor Swanson (10), Benny Stevens (9), Taylor Morris (9), Andrew Winsterman (9), Dillon Rose (10). Row 3: Chase Kvols (12), Danny Stevens (12), Carson Falk (10), Zac Dockweiler (10). Row 4: Myles Wheeler (11), Carson Huenefeld (11), Keagan Jewell (11), Logan Faeh (10), Matthew Swanson (11).

Scorebot

McCool Junction 6-36
Loup City 42-30
Palmer 8-22
Elgin/Pope John 30-22
East Butler 40-18
Shelby-Rising City 26-14
Cross County 88-6
High Plains 6-53
Burwell 20-59

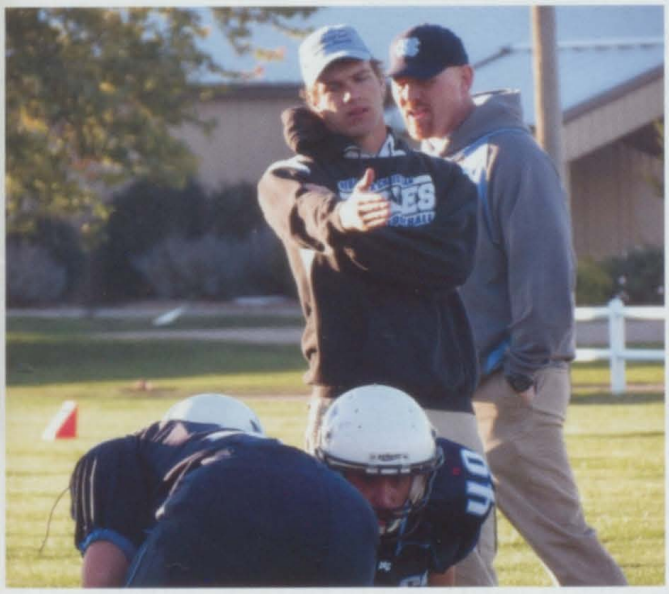
The 2013 football season was full of great highs and devastating lows. **Keagan Jewell (11)** said, *"My favorite moment in football this year would be the Elgin/Pope John game because we were able to say we beat the two-time defending state champions! Also, the final drive on defense holding them out of the end zone was a great feeling."*

Although many great players graduated last year, the team still remained strong. This year, two team members in particular, **Danny Stevens (12)** and **Carson Huenefeld (11)**, encouraged their teammates and boosted their morale.

Many people thought the football team would have difficulty competing this year due to the loss of several good players; however, passionate, athletic boys replaced those who graduated in 2013. Their hard work paid off when they made it into the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Although players faced many difficult games and practices throughout the season, each player learned how to cooperate with his teammates. **Danny Stevens (12)** commented, *"Football was a blessing, and I enjoyed working with and learning from everyone."*

-Eric Kim(12)



Above: 2012 NC graduate Levi Landrigan works with players during practice. He returned to help coach the Eagles this season. He said, *"I was really impressed with how the team grew throughout the season. They improved remarkably in the midst of position changes and injuries. The team overcame obstacles and accomplished some great things this year."*

Above: **Andrew Winsterman (9)** practices receiving before the game. Winsterman was one of five freshmen on the team.

Top of opposite page: Center **Chase Kvols (12)** prepares to hike the ball to quarterback **Keagan Jewell (11)**. The two built up a good rhythm as they worked together throughout the season.

Above left: **Carson Huenefeld (11)** breaks a tackle during the Elgin/Pope John game. Huenefeld's jersey was torn, so he switched jerseys with **Zac Dockweiler(10)** in order to play.

sampling sports

Coach Mankin

I thought the (basketball) guys played well together and improved throughout the season.

Above: **Joel Poppe (8)** tackles a High Plains player while **Luke Swanson (8)** comes to assist. Football was one of the most popular junior high sports.

Above: *Junior High Athletes*. Front to back; left to right. Row 1: Jessica Hilderbrand (8), Emma Kaczor (7), Madison Felt (7), Emma Price (8), Halle Strong (homeschool), Jada McHargue (7). Row 2: Sydney Fuehrer (7), Carsyn Ostrand (7), Claire Ostrand (8), Lydia Langemeier (homeschool), Alison Winsterman (7), Cheyenne Glines (8), Spencer Williams (8), Cody Griess (7). Row 3: Dylan Kvols (7), Bennett Zaruba (7), Jacob Mills (7), Trevor Cumpston (7), Kyle Kim (8), Brad Hilderbrand (7), Ben Janssen (7), Joel Poppe (8), Ben Griess (8). Row 4: Ryan Dexter (7), Jon Dockweiler (7), Adrian Longoria (7), Joel Kaczor (8), Micah Smith (8), Andrew Feely (8), Luke Swanson (8), Tim Hofmann (8), Daniel Myers (8), Brayden Gustafson (8). Not pictured: Chase Gulbranson (8).

Sports

Cross Country
Football
Volleyball
Boys' Basketball
Girls' Basketball
Wrestling
Track & Field

Junior High is a time for new beginnings, a time to start discovering abilities and passions. This is especially evident in the area of athletics. Junior highers are able to sample many sports to learn which ones they enjoy and would like to continue in high school.

While all junior high students had a physical education class, they could choose whether or not to participate in sports. Sports practices took place during 9th period, and those who chose not to participate in a sport during a specific season went to study hall instead of practice.

The one exception to this practice concerned wrestling. For two weeks during the fall semester, all junior high boys participated in wrestling. At the end of the two weeks, they could choose whether or not they wanted to continue wrestling. Those who did went on to compete at several meets. Athletic Director Larry Schreiber explained the reason for this mandatory wrestling unit: *"We wanted to make sure all of our boys had some exposure to wrestling before they decided whether or not to pursue it competitively. Hopefully, this will help to build our high school team in the future."*

Ultimately, junior high sports have encouraged the junior high classes to come together with their different strengths and weaknesses and to begin to work together as a team.

-Talia Murphy (12) & Miss Becky Ritta

Above: The boys' basketball team gathers around Coach **Clay Mankin** as he lays out a play. Mankin said, *"I have really enjoyed coaching this group of guys this year. I think they have shown great improvement this season. I want them to know that a good basketball player is always learning and growing his individual skills and in being a good teammate."*

Above: Cheyenne Glines (8) and Halle Strong (homeschool) prepare to receive the serve. Several homeschool students joined the NC junior high sports teams.

Above left: During the Palmer game, 7th grader **Carsyn Ostrand** (center) fights for the ball while **Alison Winsterman (7)** gets her hand up to block a potential shot. The team had an advantage this year because many of the 7th grade girls were able to play junior high sports as 6th graders, due to low junior high numbers in 2012-2013.

Left: **Emily Simmons (11)** goes up for a block. Her teammates **Cailyn Ostrand (12)**, **Cassidy Ostrand (10)**, and **Amber Mazkowski (11)** also helped defend the court.

Above: The NC girls' Cross Country team warms up before the race. **Hannah Myers (12)**, **Rachel Epp (9)**, **Hannah Mead (11)**, and **Rachel McHargue (12)** were all seen focused during the run.

Above: **Andrew Winsterman (9)** focuses on making his free throw. Winsterman said, *"The importance of free throws cannot be stressed enough. A lot of times they are the difference between winning or losing a game."*

In the first game of the season, the football team plays McCool Junction at home. The team lost to McCool Junction 36-6 but finished the year with a winning record and a playoff berth.

against pride

Athletics: Some would call it a sport, and some would call it a lifestyle. For many students, sports is life. Some athletes participate in all three season, but for others, one or two sports are enough. Regardless, students choose to participate because they love the game.

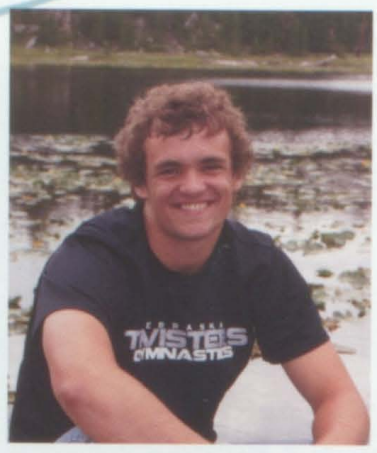
NC athletes try to show how different NC is by the way they act through sports. **Keagan Jewell (11)** said, "*Playing for God changes my attitude about the game because it helps me stay calm. In the heat of a game, it can be easy to get upset or angry and lose my temper, but I just have to remind myself to have an 'Audience Of One' mentality and know if I give it my all, win or lose, God loves me.*" These athletes try to let Christ's light shine through them as they compete. Whether they win or lose, they let Christ's light show through them in hopes of witnessing to other athletics.

Never let the fear of striking out keep people from playing the game. If fear rules their lives, they won't want to play the game. **Hans Epp (12)** said, "*If you fear defeat, you won't even try to succeed.*" God already knows the outcome of the game, so don't be scared to make that one play that could win or lose the game because no matter what happens it was all in God's perfect plan. **Amber Mazankowski (11)** said,"*When you stay positive, you possess the ability to play your best game. If you have done your best, that's all you can do.*"

- Lydia Johnson (11)

Natnicha (Sophia) Songthangtham

Years at NC: 5
Hometown: Bangkok, Thailand
If I were an animal, I'd be an alligator, so I won't have to bite my tongue.

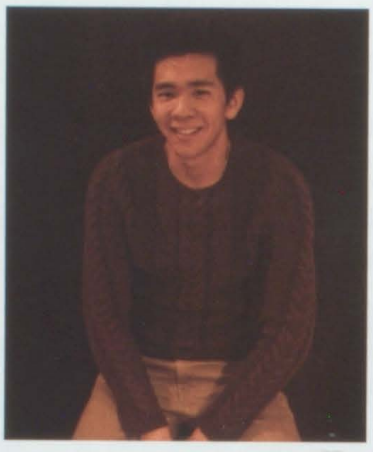


Danny Andrew Stevens

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Ord
If I were an animal, I'd be a lemur because I like to move it, move it.

Dan Thi Linh Tran

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
If I were an animal, I'd be a dinosaur because they can roarrrrrrr!!!!!!



Jun-Yao (Johnny) Tseng

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Taipei, Taiwan
If I were an animal, I'd be an eagle because it symbolizes freedom.

Whitney Margaret Twogood

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Stromsburg
If I were an animal, I'd be a yeti because of the call of the wild.

Class Colors:
-Burgundy and Navy

Class Motto:
Evil is powerless if the good are unafraid.
-Ronald Reagan

Class Verse:
"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."
-1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

Class Flower:
-Sunflower

seniors <3

Nhung Hong Phan

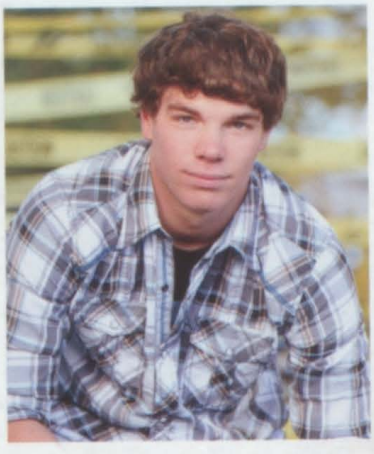
Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
If I were an animal, I'd be a butterfly because of powerful transformation and freedom.

Dana Kay Poppe

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Central City
If I were an animal, I'd be a peacock because their feathers are pretty.

Scott Gilbert Smith

Years at NC: 9
Hometown: Marquette
If I were an animal, I'd be a lion because I like a good fight.



Timothy Scott Smith

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Grafton
If I were an animal, I'd be a flamingo because they're pink.

Class Superlatives

Most likely to have own reality show: Victoria Boersen
Most likely to survive an Apocalypse: Shyler Boutin
Most likely to join the circus: Danny Stevens
Most likely to get searched at airport security: Alexis Gulbranson
Most likely to sleep through the graduation ceremony: Chihoon Lee
Most likely to become a crocodile hunter: Kevin Cheng
Most likely to become a mime: MyMy Luu
Most likely to have the most kids: Rachel McHargue

My Trang Thao Luu

Years at NC:1-1/2
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
If I were an animal, I'd be an eagle because I love flying.

Rachel Hannah McHargue

Years at NC: 12
Hometown: Central City
If I were an animal, I'd be a manatee because I like swimming and eating.

Jade Courtney Mieth

Years at NC: 6
Hometown: Central City
If I were an animal, I'd be a rat because that's my Chinese Zodiac.

Makenna Lee Morris

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Elba
If I were an animal, I'd be a chameleon because I'm shy and blend in.

Talia Ellyn Murphy

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Stromsburg
If I were an animal, I'd be a grizzly bear because I like meat and the wild.

Hannah Louise Myers

Years at NC: 5
Hometown: Central City
If I were an animal, I'd be an ewok because they're hardy and cuddly.

Cailyn Christine Ostrand

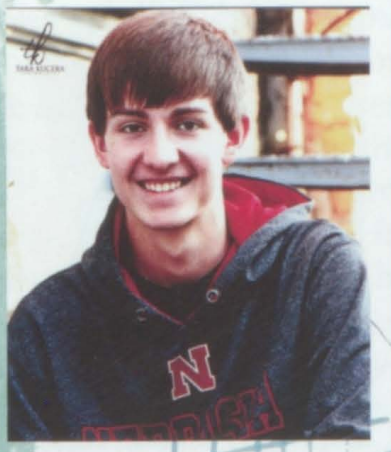
Years at NC: 7
Hometown: Central City
If I were an animal, I'd be a chipmunk because they have chubby cheeks.

Nghia (Clark) Tran Tri Pham

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
If I were an animal, I'd be a mockingbird because I believe I can fly.

Timothy Wyatt Fread

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Ord
If I were an animal, I'd be an eagle because of its great vision!



Alexis Jo Gulbranson

Years at NC: 1 1/2
Hometown: Central City
If I were an animal, I'd be a rat because my Chinese zodiac says so.

Ichiro Hokazono

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Fukuoka, Japan
If I were an animal, I'd be a griffin because it is the king of beasts & birds.

Yuan Jiu (Jack) Hu

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Taiyuan, China
If I were an animal, I'd be a panda because they are cute.

Napat (Bam) Intuputi

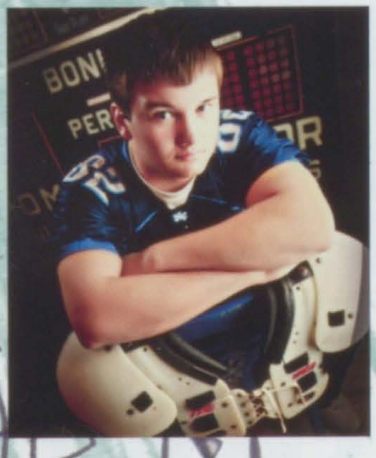
Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Bangkok, Thailand
If I were an animal, I'd be a seal because they eat fish.

Yu-Bin (Eric) Kim

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Nam-Yang-Ju, South Korea
If I were an animal, I'd be a horse because it's big and fast.

Chase Lee Kvols

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Laurel
If I were an animal, I'd be a falcon because I love to fly.

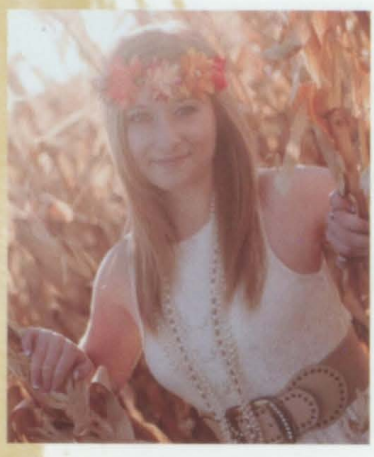


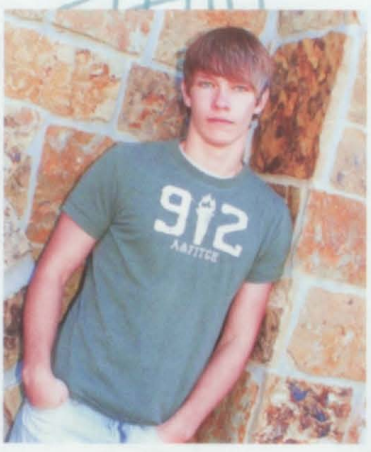
Chihoon Lee

Years at NC: 2-1/2
Hometown: Seoul, South Korea
If I were an animal, I'd be a pikachu because they are cute and strong.

Victoria Ashela Boersen

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Cairo
If I were an animal, I'd be an eagle because I'd get to see the world.





Shyler Austin Boutin

Years at NC: 8
Hometown: Blue Hill
If I were an animal, I'd be a pig because everybody loves bacon.

Brandon Michael Brock

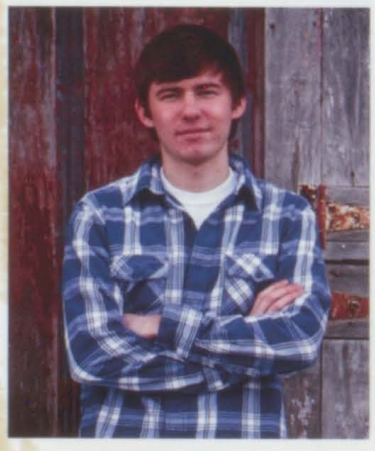
Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Columbus
If I were an animal, I'd be a lion because they are cool and tough.

Hsuan (Kevin) Cheng

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Hsinchu, Taiwan
If I were an animal, I'd be a squirrel because I can make hunters' hands itch.

Hans Huenefeld Epp

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Giltner
If I were an animal, I'd be a turtle because slow and steady wins races!



April Marie Faeh

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Marquette
If I were an animal, I'd be a dragon because they fly and breathe fire.

Beran Britton Fisher

Years at NC: 7
Hometown: Bradshaw
If I were an animal, I'd be a dog because I am calm and friendly.

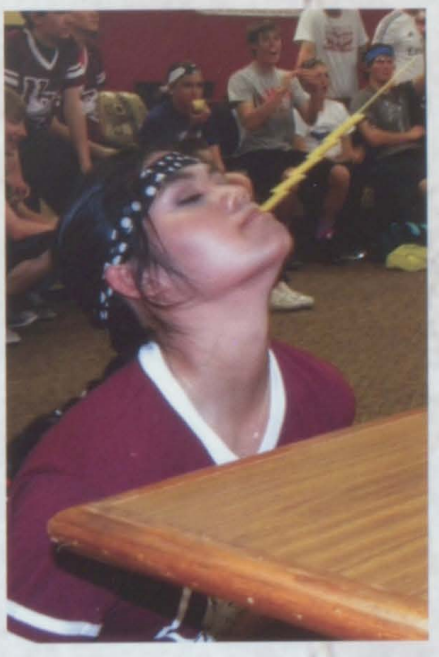
Zoe Anastacia Flynn

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Broken Bow
If I were an animal, I'd be an okapi because it's a half-and-half animal.

The seniors of 2014 have embraced their senior year by focusing on serving one another and the underclassmen. The emphasis was not on themselves but on how they can become more like Christ. Of course there are times when the seniors want to just get through the year as fast as they can, but with the right focus, they strive to reach out and be Christ-like examples to others. **Hudson Downing** (9) said, "I love the senior class. They actually associate themselves with me!" By being friends with the younger students, the seniors had more ways to impact those who will step up to the leadership role when they leave. Not only in the area of academics, but also in the realm of sports. **Makenna Loy** (10) said, "I think you guys are stinking awesome and super encouraging. Especially in sports, the seniors not only help the younger students get through the hard practices, but they also invest in us." Being at the top of the food chain, it is easy to exclude everybody under them. The senior class this year has made an effort to invest in the lives of underclassmen. **Taylor Van Pelt** (11) said, "The senior class always includes everybody. They never leave anybody out. They are leaders and make our school more like a family." Christ has given the seniors this gift of service.

-**Rachel McHargue** (12) & **Sophia Songthangtham** (12)

Below: **Sophia Songthangtham (12)** plays a "Minute to Win It" game at the Honor after party. The students enjoyed the opportunity to relax after the formal banquet.



Left: The Class of 2014 poses for a picture during Homecoming practice. Each year at Homecoming, the current seniors are introduced to the crowd.

Above: **Scott Smith (12)**, **Alexis Gulbranson (12)**, **April Faeh (12)**, **Talia Murphy (12)**, **Whitney Twogood (12)**, **Rachel McHargue (12)**, and **Jack Hu (12)** celebrate victory in a game at senior retreat. The seniors enjoyed this time at the beginning of the year.

Seniors

What does the word junior really mean? Does it have to do with having the same name as your father or does it have to do with what grade you are in? Some would say both. the word junior means someone lower in status or someone in the third year of study. Starting your third year of high school you are finally an upper class man. You are finally moving up. You are no longer last year's freshmen. **Andrew Sack (11)** said, *"Back in elementary, I was a short little nerd, and now I've grown into a 6'2" big nerd."*

As we begin to grow up we see all the changes that come with growing up. We see that we have more responsibilities. We can no longer just rely on someone else to do everything for us anymore. We aren't just little three year olds anymore that run around the house and get to take naps, though many of us would love to take naps again. Even though we are juniors in high school doesn't mean we are all grown up. We still have a lot of growing up to do yet. We may think we know everything and that we are ready to be off on our own, but we need to stop and think. How many of us woke up today and we had clean clothes washed by our moms or had food to eat? Are we really as grown up as we think? Maybe we all have that little kid inside of us waiting to get out. We all have to grow up at some time, and for some that may be a scary thought. **Hope Baldwin (11)** said, *"At first growing up was a scary thought, but as i get older, I see the new opportunities in front of me."* Growing up has to come some day, so why push it off? It's time to embrace the change.

- Lydia Johnson (11)

Hope Baldwin
Zachary Brock
Jonas Chiang
Duc Chu
ShayeLeigh Cooper
Warren Dexter

Meagen Dittmer
Sang Duong
Levi Elge
Adrian Epp
Joshua Frederick
Nathan Griess

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Lydia Johnson
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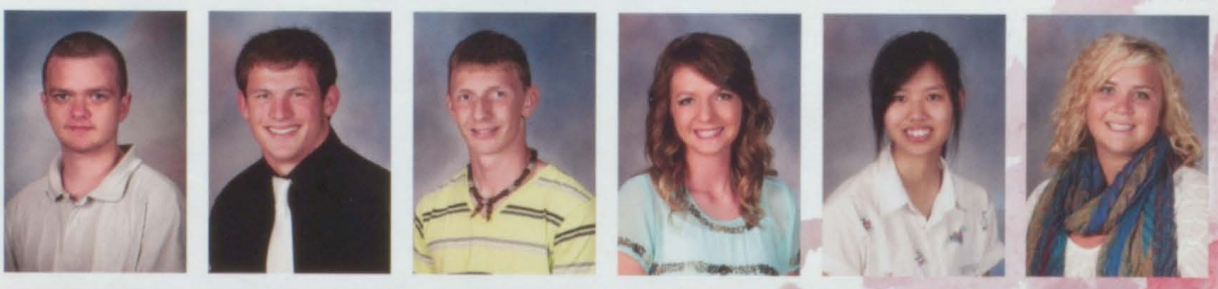
Maddie Kirby



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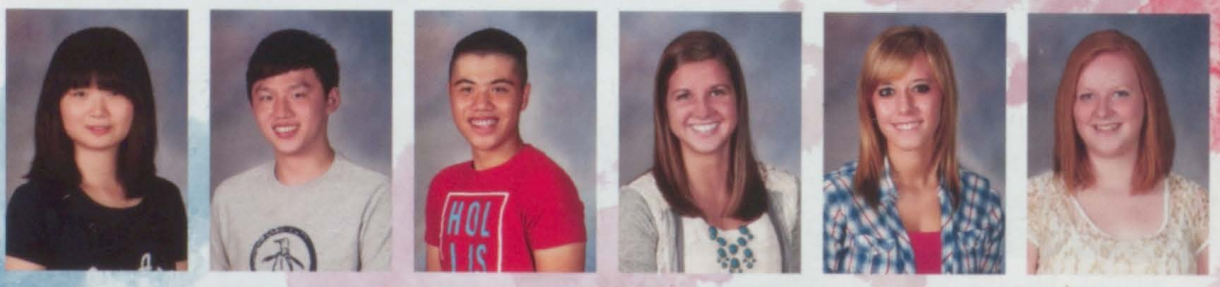
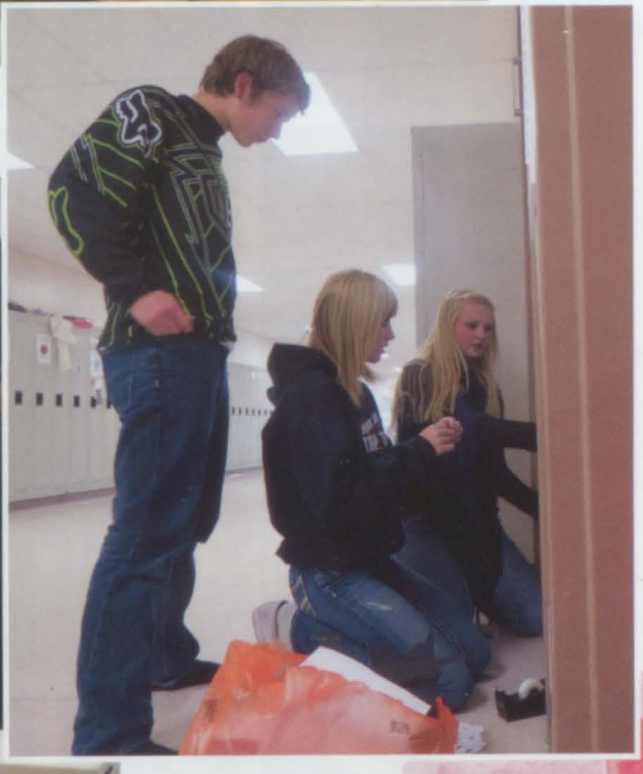


Hannah Ritta
CJ Ruybalid
Andrew Sack
Emily Simmons
Elizabeth Smith
Matthew Swanson

growing up together

Left: **ShayeLeigh Cooper (11)** and **Lydia Johnson (11)** prepare nachos for a customer during football season. Each year, the juniors run concessions to earn money for the Honor Banquet and Senior Trip.



Left: **Joshua Frederick (11)**, **Hannah Mead (11)**, and **Taylor Swantek (11)** decorate **Mr. Carl Ostrand**'s door for Christmas. Each Bible class decorated a door for the Student Council-sponsored competition. The juniors' door came in 3rd place.

Left: **Keagan Jewell (11)** lets his paper airplane fly. The paper airplane contest was one of many class competitions held during the Student Council Olympics.

Taylor Swantek
Jerron Tiemeyer
Ethan Uhruh
Taylor Van Pelt
Tien Vu
Myles Wheeler

The sophomores are a very talented class. At least one member of the sophomore class was involved in each sport or activity available to senior high students, and many sophomores participated in multiple activities throughout the year. As sophomores, they had the opportunity to participate in ways they couldn't as freshman. For example, as sophomores, they have the opportunity to try out for different honor choirs including All-State and UNK.

Homework was a little more intense than last year, but the sophomores handled it well. **Noah Dexter (10)** commented, *"Love for God and love from God overcomes all things, even homework."*

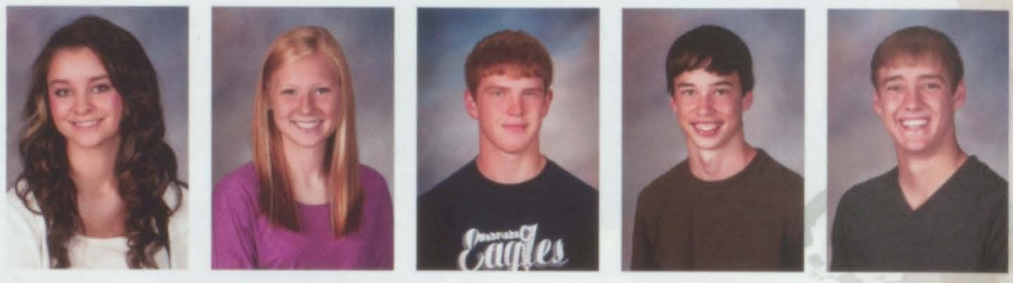
The sophomores have matured greatly since last year; their class is a very competitive and close. They enjoy working together, and when someone needs help, anyone would jump at the opportunity to help out, whether it is in the classroom or the track field. **Madi Fuehrer (10)** said *"If you think freshman year was fun- wait until you see sophomore year."*

The sophomores have been growing in their faith throughout the year. **Rubi McHargue (10)** said "sophomore year has been a great year to grow in my faith and to be encouraged by seeing Christ grow in those around me."

Even though they are the smallest high school class, the sophomores are bold and energetic. They stand out and let people know they are ready to shine.

-Brittany Ritta (11)

Sharina Boutin
Katie Cumpston
Noah Dexter
Zachary Dockweiler
Logan Faeh



Carson Falk
Madison Fuehrer
Talitha Harrington
Whitney Heuermann
Susan Hofmann

Alexis Hower
Lanny Lan
Cameron Langemeier
MaKenna Loy
Rubi McHargue

Tara Murphy
Matthew Myers
Cassidy Ostrand
Han Sol Park
Skyler Qu

Dillon Rose
Trevor Swanson
Linh Vu
Albert Yang
Isabella Yang

growing in faith

Left: **Tara Murphy (10)** launches a paper airplane in the NC Olympics held the last week of February. Every junior and senior high student had some role in the games, making it a truly school-wide event.

Left: **Rubi McHargue (10)** and **Noah Dexter (10)** perform a dissection on a squid in their science class. The students dissected small squid, while **Mrs. Dee Flynn** dissected a much larger one.

Left: Before school on May Day, **Zac Dockweiler (10)** attaches May baskets to the lockers. As sophomore class president, Dockweiler had a seat on the Student Council and helped with many Student Council Events throughout the year.

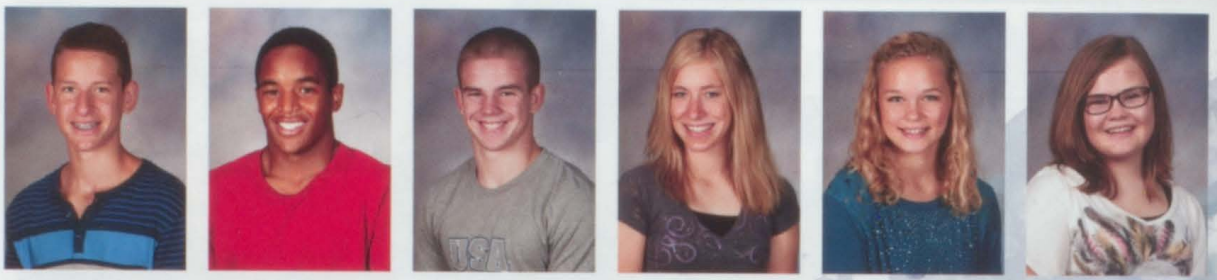
Over half of the freshman class was new to NC in 2013. Coming into high school is enough of a challenge, but as a new student, it can be even harder. However, adjusting seemed to be an easy task for this talented class. Instead of gaining the typical reputation of immature (and maybe a bit smelly) freshmen, this class seemed to surpass that. Returning student **Marilla Flynn (9)** said, "*Our class is bigger, so we are separated into groups by what extracurricular activities we do.*" Many of these students were gifted in the areas of sports, music, art, and academics. To add another perspective, **Morgan Schulze (9)** said, "*I like that even though we have so many different personalities, we can come together as a team.*"

This year's freshmen had a good bond with one another, despite the bigger class size. The freshman class brought a lot of freshness and energy into the high school with the mixture of new and returning students. This class also proved to be very hard working and attentive. As a group of well-trained students, they left quite the impression on the teachers. Science teacher **Mrs. Dee Flynn** said, "*Though often characterized by their fun-loving, and often boisterous nature, these students have a good work ethic that will enable them to be successful beyond normal expectations. I look for many good things to come from the class of 2017.*" Many of the teachers would agree with Mrs. Flynn's opinion of the freshman class, and with such a diverse yet connected group, many look forward to what the class of 2017 will bring.

-Hope Baldwin (11)

Wendy Bornmann
Hailee Broman
Yu Chen

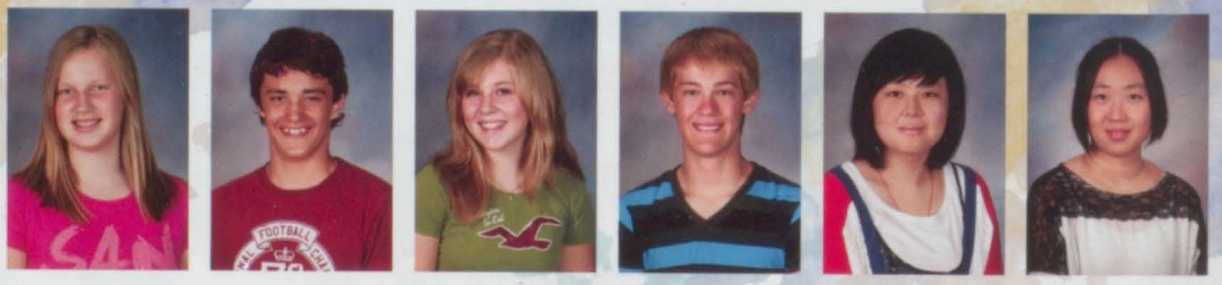
Hudson Downing
Jeremiah Ebel
Jaydon Elge
Katie Entz
Rachel Epp
Marilla Flynn



Tommy Flynn
Momoko Fukuda
Alex Hao
Seo Youn Hong
Alicia Kim
Juan Lasso

Desiree Lutes
Taylor Morris
Janie Mousel
Cole Ruybalid
Morgan Schulze
Hye Su Shin

Sarah Simmons
Benny Stevens
Reagan Williams
Andrew Winsterman
Angel Zhang
Wanda Zhu



making new friends

Left: **Hudson Downing (9)** and **Jeremiah Ebel (9)** enjoy ice cream and fellowship outdoors. The Student Council surprised the student body with an ice cream social on a beautiful fall afternoon.

Left: **Wendy Bornmann (9)**, and **Reagan Williams (9)** prepare for a scooter hockey match during the Class Olympics. Because they were first to be eliminated in the hockey tournament, they had to do lunch clean up for the winners, the junior high.

Left: **Taylor Morris (9)** listens intently in class. He said, "*My classes are somewhat of a challenge; that keeps me on my toes.*"

There are many different opinions about whether or not it is fun to transfer from elementary to junior high. However, most students agreed that leaving a fun and easy life of elementary to a harder life of junior high is quite new and interesting. Not only do they have to learn how to organize their book and school supplies by themselves, but they also have to learn how to get to the different classrooms on time. In addition, sweatpants and sport shorts disappear from their dress lists on school days. Junior high gives students a glimpse of what high school life might be like. In the academic area, many think that there are many more difficult subjects than in elementary. However, **Sydney Fuehrer's (7)** situation was different; she said: "*My subjects in junior high are actually easier than my subjects were fifth grade.*"

Junior high may be difficult in some aspects; however, it gives students more freedom and more chances to develop independence. Since junior high students have to move around a lot between different classes, they have more opportunities to meet new friends. **Claire Ostrand (8)** said, "*I like this year so much. There are many more mature friends, and we hang out a lot together.*" Another major change from elementary is the opportunity to participate in a variety sports. **Bennett Zaruba (7)** said, "*This year, we have a lot of sports options to choose from, and I have chosen cross country because I like to run.*" With all the new challenges, junior high students are proving their abilities and talents in a totally new environment. The junior high students have successfully entered the new world of secondary school and are ready for the next step of their lives.

-Nhung Phan (12)

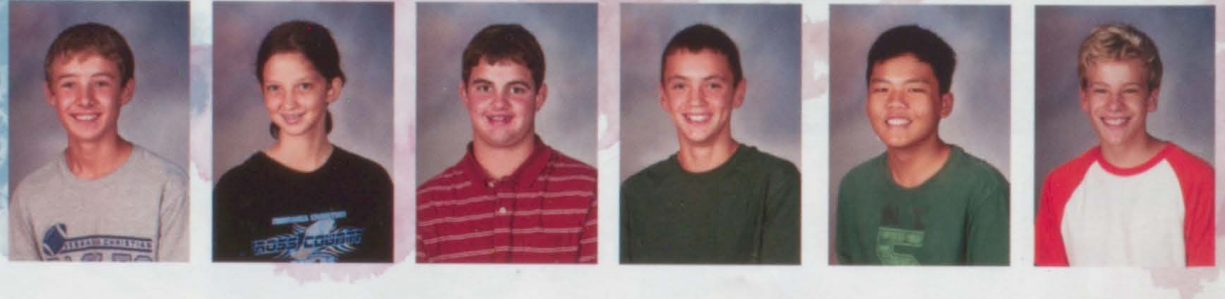
Trevor Cumpston, 7
Ryan Dexter, 7
Jonathan Dockweiler, 7
Madison Felt, 7
Sydney Fuehrer, 7

Cody Griess, 7
Bradley Hilderbrand, 7
Benjamin Janssen, 7
Emma Kaczor, 7
Dylan Kvols, 7

Adrian Longoria, 7
Jada McHargue, 7
Jacob Mills, 7
Carsyn Ostrand, 7
Alison Winsterman, 7

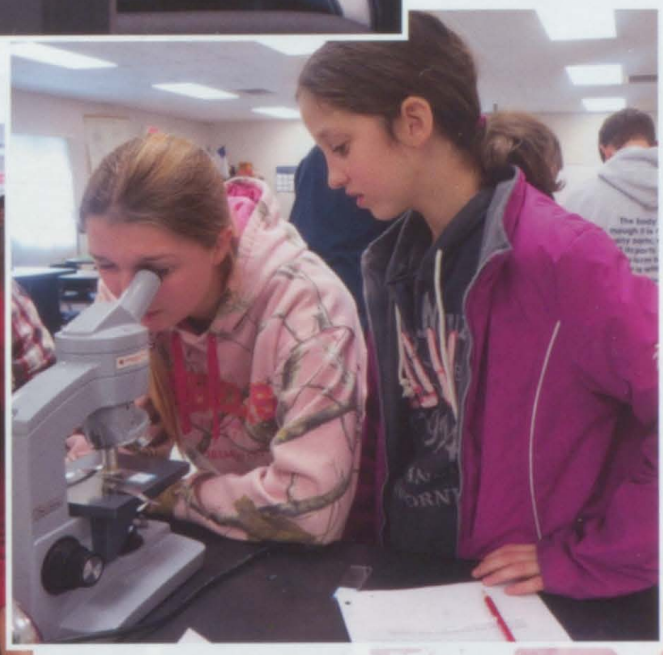
Bennett Zaruba, 7
Andrew Feely, 8
Cheyenne Glines, 8
Benjamin Griess, 8
Chase Gulbranson, 8

Brayden Gustafson, 8
Jessica Hilderbrand, 8
Timothy Hofmann, 8
Joel Kaczor, 8
Kamin Khobjai, 8
Daniel Myers, 8



a whole new world

Left: **Carsyn Ostrand (7)** writes down prayer requests in Keyboarding class. **Mr. Mark Leonard** began each of his classes by taking prayer requests.



Left: **Cheyenne Glines (8)** and **Jessica Hilderbrand (8)** look at human cells and DNA slides. Learning through doing lab exercises was the most interesting part of science class.

Left: **Tim Hofmann (8)** and **Benjamin Janssen (7)** begin work on their paper airplanes during the Student Council Olympics. For each event, two or three students from each class competed for team points.

Claire Ostrand, 8
Joel Poppe, 8
Emma Price, 8
Micah Smith, 8
Luke Swanson, 8
Spencer Williams, 8

The staff is one of the most important parts that completes a school. The staff follows the mission of Nebraska Christian Schools: to assist the family and church by providing instruction in the various disciplines. They provide a Christ-centered education, equip students with a biblical worldview and encourage a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Teachers understand the importance of expanding the knowledge of God, His Word, and His world.

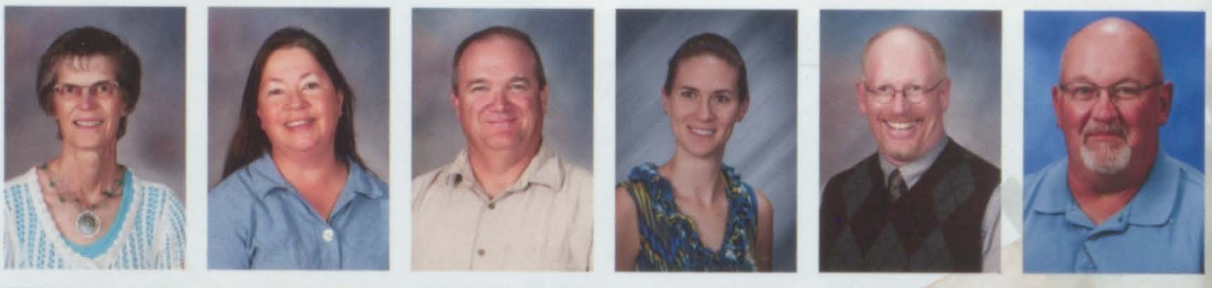
Mrs. Ruth Ferris, Nebraska Christian's librarian, said, "*I am honored to be with quality people and educating students. Our faculty and staff are like family, and we work together to fulfill the mission of our school.*" Teachers and staff at Nebraska Christian usually read the Bible daily and call upon the Lord's wisdom to carry out their words to the students. They inspire many students to find the truth and help them understand the Word of God. "*And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" (John 8:32). **Mr. Andy Falk** said, "*It's a honor to work with our team. I always try to be prepared and teach the best I can so God can be honored with what I am doing.*" The staff members serve the Lord and teach the students with all their hearts and passions. **Mr. Gib Killion** shared, "*We have a good staff team because they fear the Lord. I am a part of something greater than me. To honor and glorify God, I use the Bible and teach His principles.*"

NC staff members truly believe in and try to live out the command given in Mathew 28:19: "*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of age.*"

-MyMy Luu (12)

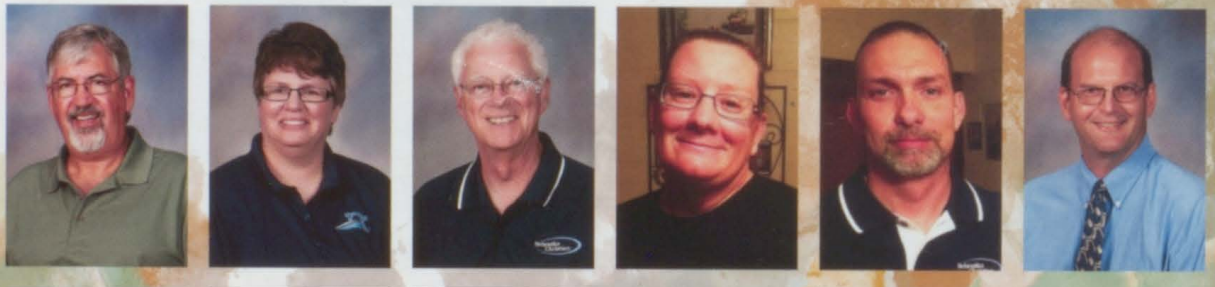
Michele Boutin, Cook
Harold Cook, Custodian
Josh Cumpston, Administrator/Bible
Tom Dockweiler, Business Manager
Terry Elge, Wrestling Coach
Andy Falk, Math/Bible

Ruth Ferris, Librarian
Dee Flynn, Science/Quiz Bowl
Mike Flynn, Music
Stephani Francl, Development Director
Jay Garrison, English/Drama
David Gee, Industrial Technology



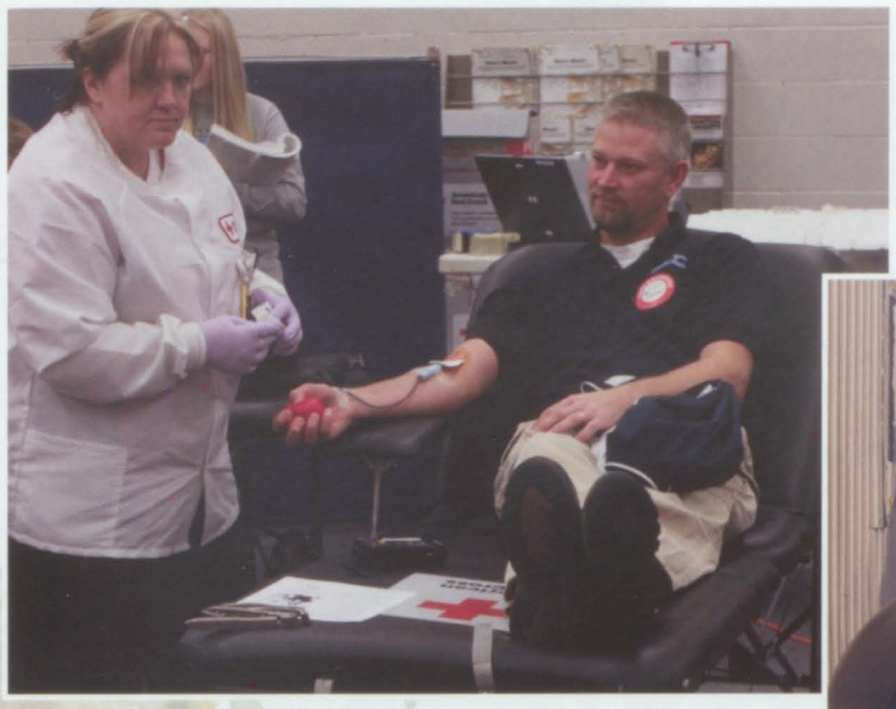
Gilbert Glad, Public Relations
Chasity Gulbranson, Cook
Jody Heuermann, Foundation Director
Cheryl Hilderbrand, Cook
Roy Hilderbrand, Custodian
Barbara Hoff, ESL/English/ Girls' Dorm

Larry Hoff, International Program/ESL/ Girls' Dorm
Daurice Hower, Elementary Art & P.E./Program Assistant
Steve James, Guidance Counselor
Rachel Jewell, Boys' Dorm
Tim Jewell, Boys' Dorm
Gib Killion, ESL/International Program Assistant

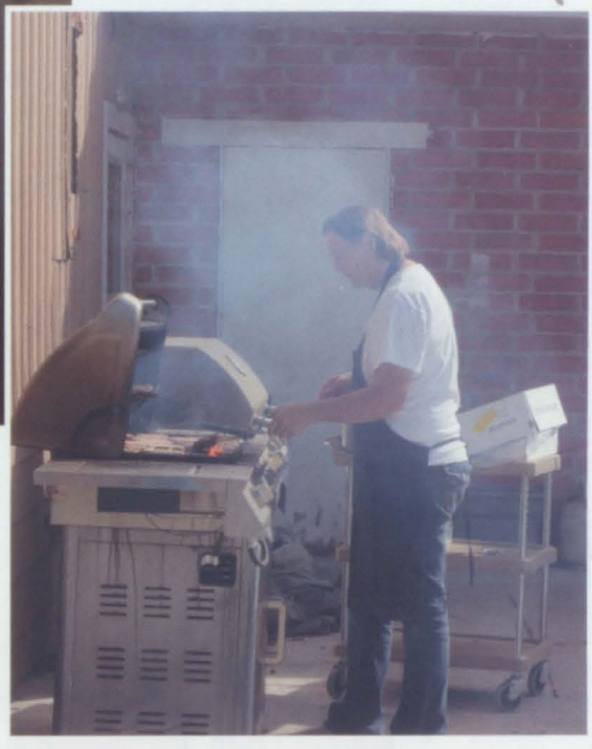


Kathy Kirby, Head Cook
Janet Landrigan, Cross Country
Kristy Langemeier, Special Events Coordinator
Deana Leonard, Preschool/Special Events Assistant
Mark Leonard, Computer/Business/ Media/Boys' Basketball
Clay Mankin, Social Studies/Bible/ Weights

sharing the truth



Left: **Mr. Carl Ostrand** donates blood during the Student Council-sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive. He has been donating blood for 25 years. *"I hope that I can help people who need blood,"* Ostrand shared.



Right: **Mrs. Kathy Kirby** grills hamburgers for lunch. NC's cooks worked hard to provide three satisfying meals each day.

Karen Miotke, Business Office Assistant
Tara Mundt, Science/Math
Chuck Myers, Bible/Art
Carl Ostrand, Social Studies/Bible/M.O.V./ Football/Track
Tonya Ostrand, Spanish/P.E./Health/ Volleyball
Becky Ritta, Media Relations/Yearbook/ Student Council

Robert Ritta, Director of Maintenance & Food Services
Susan Ritta, Executive Secretary
Denise Schreiber, Grades 3 & 4/ Elementary Head Teacher
Larry Schreiber, Activity Director/ Guidance Counselor/P.E.
Wendy Schweitzer, Cook
Charissa Smith, Grades 5 & 6/Speech

Cheryl Smith, Elementary Aide
JJ Springer, Bible
Janice Stuhmer, Junior High Head Teacher/ESL/FCS/English
Gordon Thiessen, Chaplain/Girls' Basketball
Patty Welk, Resource/Elementary Librarian
Verna Zaruba, Kindergarten, 1&2

Elementary is a time in life when you can enjoy the little things and not worry about the future and endless amounts of homework. Being in elementary though, is very important part of education. Learning how to spell and learning nouns and sentence structure will be something they will carry with them their whole life. In elementary it is crucial to have a strong surface to build upon, so the elementary teachers focus on fundamentals.

Embracing this time as a kid is a crucial part of life. Many times in life people say they wish they would have paid attention when they were younger. The exciting part about this is that kids can enjoy being a kid but also build their foundation for the future.

-Rachel McHargue (12)

Abby Berck, P
Silas Haynes, P
Emma Jenkins, P
Alyza Leonard, P
Trev McHargue, P
Alexis Perry, P

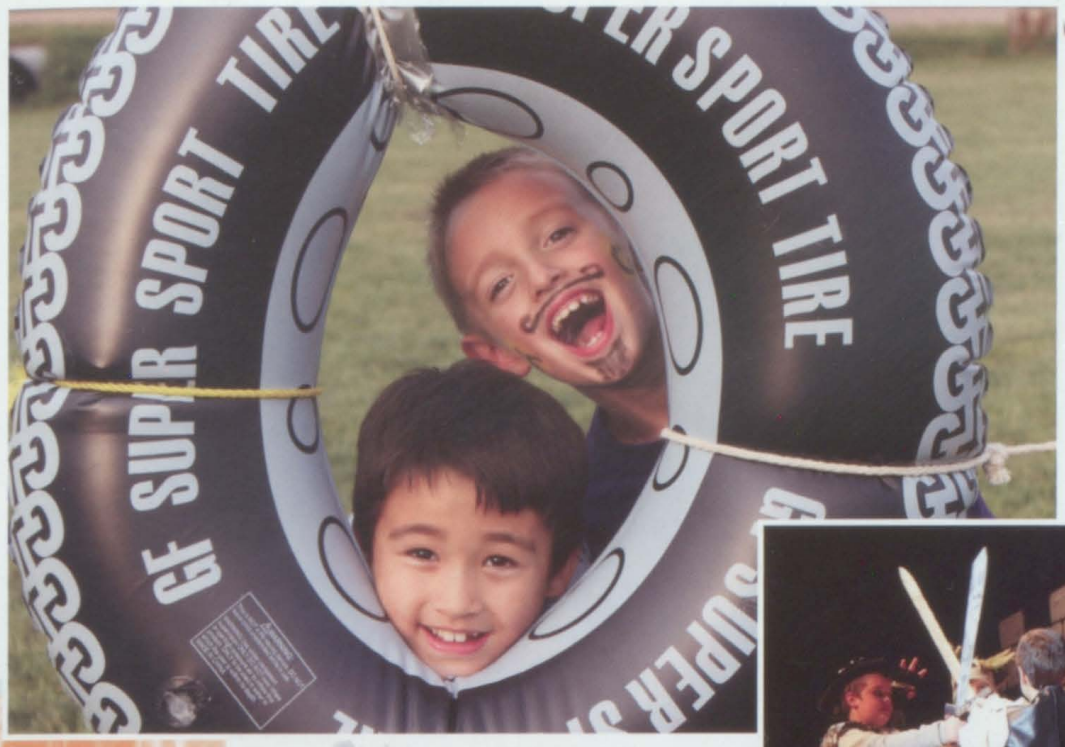
Mykah Robbins, P
Juno Ryan, P
Beretta Webb, P
Julia Merchant, K
Rachel Hale, 1
Anna Jenkins, 1

Alyssa Springer, 1
Ruger Webb, 1
Alyssa Wostrel, 1
Landen Leonard, 2
Christopher Medlock, 2
Kylie Merchant, 2

Karlee Seitz, 2
Faith Springer, 2
Christian Strobel, 2
Gabriel Langemeier, 3
Marlie Mundt, 3
Riley Schreiber, 3

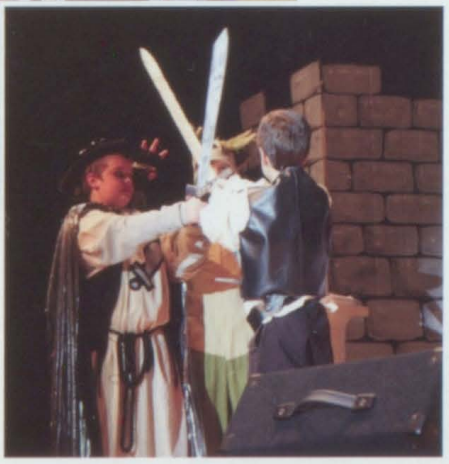
Rylynne Seitz, 3
Wesley Wostrel, 3
Malachi Zaruba, 3
Conner Broman, 4
Tyler Cumpston, 4
Zachary Egeland, 4

building a foundation



Far left: **Marlie Mundt (3)**, **Rylynne Seitz (3)**, and **Amy Springer (4)** work on their paper mache in art class. The kids enjoyed traveling to the Ad building basement for art classes.

Left: **Riley Schreiber (3)** and **Landen Leonard (2)** burst with excitement at the school carnival. Nebraska Christian always holds a carnival to start off the year.



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Left: **Carl Mundt (5)** and **Cory Ruybalid (6)** perform a sword fight at their elementary play. The kids worked many hours to prepare for this performance.

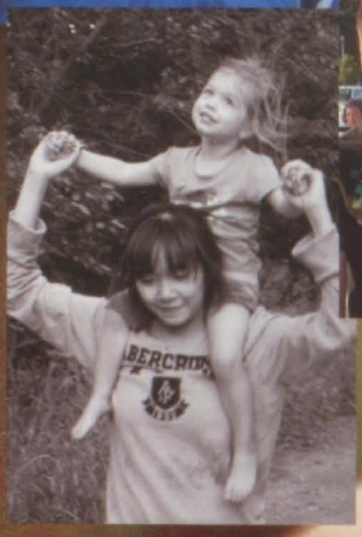
Aidan Feely, 4
Molly Griess, 4
Ethan Merchant, 4

Amy Springer, 4
Alyssa Broman, 5
Olivia Janssen, 5
McKenna Leonard, 5
Carl Mundt, 5
Dakota Springer, 5

Alexandra Wostrel, 5
Tobias Zaruba, 5
Lauren Feely, 6
Amanda Hilderbrand, 6
Seth Hower, 6
Grace Langemeier, 6

Jayden Leonard, 6
Micah Loy, 6
Nathan Mousel, 6
Jamie Myers, 6
Cory Ruybalid, 6
Stephanie Strobel, 6

Left: **Ichiro Hokazono (12)**, **Alexis Gulbranson (12)**, and **Zoe Flynn (12)** balance themselves on the shaky bleachers as they practice the 2014 senior class line up for Homecoming. Instead of having a King and Queen like most schools, the entire senior class was honored after the football game.



Above: **Ethan Unruh (11) Alexis Hower (10), Whitney Heuermann (10)** and **Sophia Songthangtham (12)** sing with the Master's Musicians at a home football game. The Master's Musicians sang the National Anthem at all the home games throughout the year.

Above: **Dan Tran (12)** takes a walk with Adelain Mankin, **Mr. Clay Mankin**'s daughter, after school. Nebraska Christian students loved seeing the Mankin kids running around campus during different school events.

During the senior retreat, the seniors played many team building games like the game pictured above. This was a great time for the seniors to bond as a class before moving on with their lives.

against conformity

A new school year has come, and everyone is trying to get back in the swing of things from sports, to academics, to seeing friends again. The time flies from being in kindergarten to being a senior. Even when it seems like it takes forever, just looking back and remembering the years that have passed will make you realize how fast time really does fly. **Sophia Songthangtham (12)** said,*"The way I think has shown me how fast time has gone by. It really makes me more aware of how much I have grown in the past years and and how fast the time has flown without me even knowing it."*

The Bible talks about not being conformed to this world but being transformed by the renewing of our minds (Rom. 12:2). As time goes on it is so easy to fall into the temptations of this world, it tries to change the way we think and act in life. Part of Nebraska Christian's mission is to help students fight the ways of this world by teaching them to renew their minds by reading God's word and spending time in prayer every day. Even though everyone fails and isn't perfect at it, reading the Bible is so important because if Christians are to go out into a world that is wicked, how can they share the amazing hope the Bible gives without knowing the Bible themselves? **Warren Dexter (10)** said, *"It is important to read your Bible because the Bible gives us instruction to live our life in a way the honors God."* If anyone is to withstand the temptation of the world and not conform to the ways of the world, everyone needs to know the instruction of the Bible to show them how to live God-honoring lives.

Another thing that helps Christians stand firm in their faith is seeing others fighting the temptations of the world and going through some of the same trials they are. When people can see a Godly example in someone else, it is so encouraging and makes others watching them want to stand firm and keep striving to win the battle against conformity.

As the seniors who set an example of God honoring lives move on to the next stages in life, they leave behind an empty space that needs to be filled by the next class in line. This is important because leaders help create organization and stability in the school. **Zoe Flynn (12)** said, *"Leadership is so important because of the big variety of ages at our school; it is important for the older and wiser people to show the younger ones how they should live to glorify God."* When people step up and strive to set a good example, it helps to create new leaders and a positive atmosphere.

- Taylor Swantek (11)

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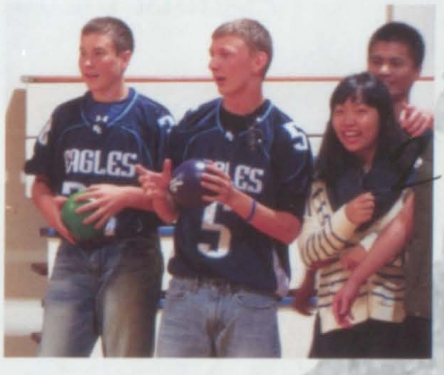
against *the* flow

Nebraska Christian has been an incredible growing place for many touched by its ministry, and it continues to affect the lives of others. I, for one, have been greatly impacted not only academically but also spiritually. There is no doubt that many others would claim this statement to be true for themselves. What a blessing it is to be in a community that loves and honors God! But being different for Christ comes with a price; Jesus tells us in the Bible that the world will hate us for loving Him. Nevertheless, I believe it is worth what Christ has done for us. Don't worry if you are persecuted by the outside world; there have been footsteps set before you to follow.

I remember a time about six years ago when, somewhere in Thailand, my dad drove on the wrong side of the traffic. Sounds rather dangerous and ridiculously unreal, right? But it did happen. We were literally going against traffic. People were pointing and yelling; some looked like they just witnessed the most terrible crime they had ever seen, and some simply didn't care. Good thing my dad found a way out of that mess before it was too late! I knew God was watching over us, otherwise my family and I would've died. Our lives could be compared to this little accident of mine. Heading in the wrong direction is something we human beings are prone to do. In fact, the wrong thing is often the popular thing. But as Christians, we are called to go against the flow. There will be people along the way that will either care, not care, or condemn you for the path you choose. But there's one thing that makes us different from all the others: Christ. He is the One who guides us, the One who loves us, and the One who died for sinners like us. When we feel like we are swimming upstream, fighting a losing battle, remember what Jesus has been through in order for us to live our lives freely.

NC's mission has never changed: To build lives for eternity--with Christ, our Lord and Savior. Living this life for Christ until "eternity" might cause us to lose possessions, friends, or even life itself. But one thing the world can never take away from us is the everlasting love that God has given us through the life of His Son, Jesus Christ. It ultimately comes down to your decision. Will you take up the cross and follow Him, or will you keep going the wrong direction like when my dad drove on the wrong side of the traffic?

-Sophia Songthangtham (12)



Top: Shoving down a big big bite, **Claire Ostrand (8)** enjoys her ice cream. The student council sponsored an ice cream social at the beginning of the school year.

Above: **Nathan Griess (11), Keagan Jewell (11), Tien Vu (11), and Jonas Chiang (11)** wait for their next smart move during the dodgeball game. The student council sponsored an all-school dodgeball game during the Homecoming pep rally.

Left: Trying not to fall over while stacking the crates as high as he can, **Tim Smith (12)** is full of determination. The senior retreat provided the students with many activities to challenge themselves.

Left: **Wesley Wostrel (3), Aidan Feely (4),** and **Conner Broman (4)** enjoy their time working with paper mache in art class. Through many activities, the elementary kids got to show their creative side while learning.

Far left: Jumping up and down, **Susan Hofmann (10)** cheers for joy after winning a game at Fall Spiritual Emphasis Day. The students enjoyed a day listening to a speaker, playing team-building games, and being away from school.

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